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BUSINESS CARDS.

T. E. OLIVER, D. D. S.,
DENTIST,
HONOR GRADUATE OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY, AND M. R. C. D. S. of Ontario.
Office—Over Parker's Drug Store.
Will visit Marmora every Thursday.

FRANK ZWICK, M. B.,
GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, MEDICAL COLLEGE, LICENTATE OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, ONTARIO.
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE:—Dr. Boulter's former residence, Stirling.

G. G. THRASHER,
SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, CONVEYANCER, ETC.
Office:—McNanny Block, Cor. Front and Bridge Streets, Stirling, Ontario.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, B.A.,
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, COMMISSIONER, ETC.
Office:—Over Boulter's store, Stirling.

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Private Money to Loan at Lowest Rates.
Office, East side Front St.

JOHN S. BLACK,
CONVEYANCER, COMMISSIONER FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS, OFFICE:—Over the store lately occupied by G. L. Scott, Stirling.

BALFORS BUTLER AND HARRY HARRIS,
BARRISTERS AND LICENSED AUCTIONEERS FOR THE COUNTY OF HASTINGS. Solicitors, etc. All orders promptly attended to. C. Butler, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, as usual. Residence, Stirling, Ont.

STIRLING LODGE
No. 239.
I. O. C. F.
Meets in the Lodge room, Conley block,
EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
At 8 o'clock. G. L. SCOTT, R. S.

DENTISTRY.
C. L. HAWLEY, D. D. S.

TRENTON, GRADUATE OF THE TORONTO SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY, will visit Stirling
each month until further notice.
The Dental Office, Vitalized Air, Gas, and all the modern improvements known to Dentistry, will be used for the painless extraction and preservation of the natural teeth.
Room at Scott House.

B. C. HUBBELL,
MARMORA.

ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES AND
Justice of the Peace for county Hastings.

A. E. TWEEDEE, V. S., Stirling.
Office one door west of the Kerby Hotel.
All calls promptly attended day and night.

STIRLING MARBLE WORKS,
JOHN MOORE,
IMPORTER OF FOREIGN MARBLE AND GRANITE,
has now on hand a full supply of Marble in Southern Falls and Blue; also, Granite. A call solicited. Shop on Front Street.

Note Heads, Envelopes,

Billheads, Circulars,

Cards, Posters,

—AND—

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OF ALL KINDS, AT

LOWEST RATES,

At News-Argus Office

Notice to the Public.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING TAKEN
out license as Auctioneer for the County of Hastings, is prepared to attend all sales on shortest notice. Terms as low as the lowest, and satisfaction guaranteed. Orders left at the News-Argus office or addressed to me at Stirling, will be promptly attended to.
WM. RODGERS.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
EDWARD McCANON, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, Farmer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, chap. 129, sec. 38, to all creditors and persons having claims against the estate of Edward McCANON, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, Farmer, deceased, who died on or about the 15th day of January, A. D. 1896, to send in by mail, prepaid, or otherwise delivered to Robert Taylor Morton or Charles Mathias Smith at Nine P. O., Ont., Executors of the estate of the said Edward McCANON, deceased, or to their solicitor, as hereinbefore provided, on or before the 15th day of March, A. D. 1899, a statement in writing of their names and addresses, and full particulars of their claims and demands, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given that after the date mentioned the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been given as required.

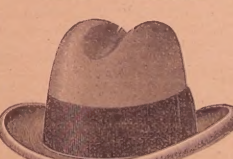
All persons indebted to the said estate are also hereby notified to send in the amount of their indebtedness before the 15th day of March next to the said executors.

Dated the 10th day of February, A. D. 1899.
J. EARL HALLIWELL,
Solicitor for Executors.

STILL A COMING!

New Goods = New Goods,
FOR SPRING.

Tweeds, Worsteds Venetians, Whip-Cords,
Overcoatings and Trouserings.



Hats, Hats,
CAPS,
3 SHIPMENTS
to hand. More to follow.

And when our stock is complete we will be in a position to show the largest assortment of styles and colors ever introduced into this section.

FOR THE LADIES.—We have introduced a new department, having obtained the sole agency for the celebrated TOOKÉ BLOUSES. These Blouses are acknowledged by competitors to be the best made, and to fit superior to all others. Will be opened in a few days. Call and inspect them, at

FRED. T. WARD'S,
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR, HATTER & FURNISHER.

FIRST ANNUAL CLEARING SALE!

For 14 days only, commencing Saturday, Feb. 11.

In DRY GOODS,
BOOTS & SHOES,

MILLINERY,
CLOTHING,
HATS AND CAPS.

MEN'S AND BOYS' OVERCOATS at a great reduction, selling below cost. Call and examine, they are snaps.

LADIES' AND GENTS' UNDERWEAR, in woolen and cotton, something to suit everybody. Prices and quality right. Bound to go, money no object.

WRAPPERS.—A few wrappers left, regular price 12c. and 15c. per yard, now selling for 10c. cash, to make room for New Spring Goods.

PRINTS.—A few left to be sold at prices to suit the purse. Don't leave it until the last, come first.

FLANNELLETTE BLANKETS from 75c. to \$1.50 per pair, extra heavy in white and grey.

APRON GINGHAMS, 42 inches wide, warranted fast colors, selling now for 8c. yd. COTTONS.—We have a dandy for 4c. yd. or 27 yds. for \$1.00. A few pieces left.

CASHMERE SHAWLS.—Now is your time to buy one when you can get them less than cost.

These are a few of the Bargains to be had at this store. Always a fresh stock of

GROCERIES.

C. F. STICKLE, GENERAL MERCHANT.



THE VERY LATEST PRODUCTIONS IN JEWELRY
ARE TO BE FOUND AT OUR STORE.

See our window for the newest goods on the market. We are showing something entirely new in Bracelets, Blouse Sets, Dress Pin Sets, Brooches and Sash Belt Buckles. Just opened out to-day.

W. H. CALDER,
JEWELRY, OPTICAL GOODS & STATIONERY.

EYESIGHT TESTED FREE.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

Neither is there any place like JOHN SHAW'S for Groceries, Provisions and Crockery. You needn't take our word for it. We give you a cordial invitation to come and see. You will need an extra supply for Christmas, on account of friends coming to see you. We can supply you, and our prices are right.

Cranberries, Currants, Spices, Flour, Raisins, Peels, Pork, Lard, Sugar, Salt.
—In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.

JOHN SHAW.

THE NEWS-ARGUS

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS,

To end of Dec., 1899, for 75c.

New System of Telegraphy.

If the system of telegraphy invented by Prof Henry Rowland of John Hopkins University were put into use half the telegraph operators would be thrown out of work. He has fitted machines like ordinary typewriters to the ends of a wire 1500 miles long so that by playing on the keys of one message is printed by the other. No receiving operator is necessary as the machine at the other end of the wire is worked electrically by the operator at the sending station.

The system was tried a few days ago on lines working from Jersey City to Philadelphia, and worked satisfactorily. It is claimed that four messages can be sent each way at one time over one wire.

The claims for the system are: Immense increase in the distance a message can be sent without relaying, saving of half the number of operators, sending operators will not be subject to the disability caused by working the ordinary Morse key, which is like writers' cramp; greater accuracy, because an operator will make only half the mistakes of two; one gallon of oil reduced to its lowest temperature is equivalent for refrigerating purposes to a ton of ice. A tumbler placed in an ordinary ice chest will maintain a temperature of zero in the refrigerator for twenty-four hours. A quart of the liquid placed in a ventilating apparatus will keep the temperature of a dwelling house at 60 degrees during the hottest summer day. It is expected to entirely dispense with the use of ice in breweries, packing-houses, cold-storage plants, refrigerator cars, grocery and butcher stores, and even in the home. The liquid is perfectly pure and harmless, and its fumes carry no death-dealing germs. It gives fair promise of being the motor power of the future, and it is equally probable that it will enter competition with the high explosives.

Liquefied Air.

When the experiments which are being conducted result in reducing the cost of liquefied air to such figures as will render its general use possible and economical, we may expect great conveniences and benefits from its use. One of its leading uses is as a substitute for ice. One gallon of it reduced to its lowest temperature is equivalent for refrigerating purposes to a ton of ice. A tumbler placed in an ordinary ice chest will maintain a temperature of zero in the refrigerator for twenty-four hours. A quart of the liquid placed in a ventilating apparatus will keep the temperature of a dwelling house at 60 degrees during the hottest summer day. It is expected to entirely dispense with the use of ice in breweries, packing-houses, cold-storage plants, refrigerator cars, grocery and butcher stores, and even in the home. The liquid is perfectly pure and harmless, and its fumes carry no death-dealing germs. It gives fair promise of being the motor power of the future, and it is equally probable that it will enter competition with the high explosives.

The Electric Forge.

The electric forge is one of the recent inventions. This latest apparently contradictory result, making cold iron red hot by immersing it in cold water, has come about in the course of introducing electricity into day-day work at the forge. Incomprehensible to the ordinary onlooker, yet to the electrician it is perfectly simple. He makes the proper connections, plunges his iron into the water, directly the iron will begin to glow under the water, advances to a red and finally to a white heat. When the operator gets through hammering the iron, strange to say, he plunges it into the same water to cool off, thus rivaling the profoundest sleight-of-hand wizard. This curious double effect of the electrical forge is explained as follows: The tank is of wood or any other substance which will hold water and will not form an electrical conductor. One wire of the electric current passes to the bottom of the tank, where it is connected to a metal plate. Over this plate, water—preferably saturated with salt—fills the tank nearly to the top, and serves to conduct the current to whatever object is to be heated. No coal, no smoke, no bellows, none of the old time dust and dirt.

Nothing could be better for this purpose, for the water naturally closes all about the iron to be shaped or welded on every side, and the current of the current-conducting wire is fastened to the tanks, or leads to a metal framework on the edge of the tank on which the tongs lie when it is heated. The moment the object to be heated is plunged into the water a current passes through the water, it cools in the usual way. Some of the water is decomposed by electric action. The nitrogen of the water becomes electrified and adheres to the object to be heated and forms a film of gas which separates the object completely from the water, while at the same time the gas forms such an obstruction to the passage of the electric current that the energy of the current is transformed into heat. When the iron is dipped in the water without the connection of the current, it cools in the usual way. Electric forges of various designs are coming into use in manufacturing where strong currents are available.

Advices by telegraph from Australia say that millions of dollars' worth of crops have been destroyed by drought, and that cattle are dying by the thousands for lack of water and pasturage. This is the third year of extraordinarily dry weather, and the ruin is said to be almost total.

Yours Faithfully.

This is the superlatively with which the Oak Hall, Belleville, would sign them selves in every transaction with the people. It would be in giving them such quantities of clothing as are good, not only to look at in the store, but to wear and give good service. We want you to feel that if an error should occur for which we are to blame that we are only too glad to correct it as soon as we know it.

Funeral of the late John Halliwell.

The funeral of the late Rev. John Halliwell, who died on the 24th ult., and who at the time of his death was a Past-Grand Chaplain of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, and also of the Triennial Council of the World, took place at Stirling on the 28th ult., under the auspices of the Orange County Lodge of Central Hastings.

The funeral cortege formed at the late residence of the deceased at eleven a.m., the bearers being the four sons, viz., John Earl, Wm. E., Lawrence E., and owing to Edwin being in Mexico, he was represented by his cousin Chas. E. Halliwell, and proceeded to St. John's Church, where the beautiful service for the dead of the Church of England was conducted by Rev. Mr. Spencer, the Rector of the parish. Rev. Mr. Harris, of Marmora, delivered an appropriate memorial address, reminding his hearers of the Christian and patriotic nature of the deceased's character.

The members of the Orange Society attended in large numbers from all parts of the County, as well as representatives from a distance, forming a procession preceding the hearse to the cemetery about a quarter of a mile long. At the cemetery the burial ceremony of the Order was conducted by Bro. Sir Mackenzie Bower, P. G. M., & S., of Belleville, and R. W. Bro. Wm. Johnson, P. G. M., of M. Blair, D. C. M.; Alex. Harvey, County Chaplain; W. S. Martin, County Treas., Co. F. Sec'y; W. C. Reid, Co. Treas.; Thos. Kelly, Jesse Barlow, James Gay, Forbes Sherry, John Tanner, P. C. M., Edw. L. Holland, G. W. Carter, Thos. McKee, D. M., J. A. Potts, D. M., and others.

After the service at the grave the brethren returned to the lodge room and closed in due form after a few appropriate remarks were made by Bro. Sir Mackenzie Bower and Wm. Johnson.

The floral tributes were numerous, and indicated the fond remembrance of many friends, among which was a beautiful pillow from the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East.

About Pneumonia.

The following has been sent us by a subscriber:

Such names as ammonia, ammonia, pettymonia, almonia, almonia, almonia, &c., &c., are given for the disorder scientifically termed pneumonia, although Pneumonitis and Pulmonitis are purely more correct, as pneumonia, a pure Greek word, signifies only a disease of the lungs, not an inflammation. This is the lung fever, or inflammation of the lungs, and is in no sense different from what it has ever been. Its severity is dependent on age, and at certain seasons its victims are more numerous. The right lung is the most frequently attacked, the attack being ushered in by a decided chill, with or without pain, and if resolute and heroic measures are quickly and then used, the usually fatal course of the disease will be checked or much modified. Such means of treatment are usually at hand or easily reached. But when one fairly started no treatment can materially lessen its progress or duration. Yet it is self-limited as a disease, nourishment, warmth and stimulation being essential in treatment. And treatment of to-day is in no way superior to what it was during the last century. It is constant in a sense. Congestion was, some fifteen years ago, its name and the professional scare-word. Such has been changed to pneumonia and pneumonitis, old terms to the doctors, but new to the public. One fact is this, that of ten so-called pneumonia patients, one only has or had it. Another fact is, that with the new remedies (the coal tar preparations) for treatment, pneumonitis may well be dreaded. The disease, if left untreated, will run a more favorable course.

The Belleville Horticultural Society, at a meeting held on Friday evening last, passed a resolution affirming that the past knowledge and use to reach the Society suggests that an investigation of orchards be made by Government inspectors.

The story that John Roach, the missing bank burglar, had been murdered by some of his pals is denied by government detective Greer, who says he had received information as to Roach's whereabouts less than a month ago, but just too late to allow him an opportunity of securing that slippery gentleman.

Good Overcoat Trade.

A great many people would be surprised to hear that the Oak Hall, Belleville, are doing a big overcoat and suit trade at this late season. Last Saturday we had the best day on heavy coats since the first of the year. On one of our heavy coats the expectation of getting much service this year, buying for next winter and saving the cost of a new one. Any overcoat in the store at cost, that is the drawing card.

STIRLING CASH STORE

NEW GOODS
JUST OPENED
THIS WEEK.

Our New Goods are arriving daily. The following lines we have just placed in stock:

New Prints, fast colors, in naves, etc., 10 and 12½c.

New Waist Plaids, Silk and Wool Mixtures, newest goods, 40 and 50c. per yard.

New Zephyr Ginghams, small checks and plaids, washable goods.

Black Lustre, 36 in. wide, 22c. per yd.

Shot and Figured Dress Goods, 25 and 30c. per yard.

Shirt Waists, nice designs and new prices.

Ready-to-Wear Wrappers, nicely made, popular prices.

T. G. CLUTE.

Good house and lot to rent. Reasonable terms. Plenty of fruit.—T.G.C.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN SOAPS.

In order to reduce our Stock of Soaps I will offer as follows:—

6 bars Ivory Bar Soap for 25c.
6 bars Good Will Soap for 25c.
7 bars Electric Soap for 25c.
10 bars Laundry Soap for 25c.
6 bars Telephone Soap for 25c.

SYRUPS.

We have a quantity of Diamond Drip, also, Sugar Syrup in stock.

5 POUNDS OF GOOD JAPAN TEA FOR \$1.00.

FLOUR & SALT always in stock.

S. HOLDEN.

P.S.—A good Farm for sale.

Tenders Wanted.

Tenders will be received until Saturday evening, March 11th, 1899, for the erection of a brick porch in front of the school house of S. S. No. 7 Seymour. Plans and specifications may be had of the Secretary. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

C. RANNEY,
Sec. S. S. No. 7, Mendon, P. O.

HORSE CLIPPING.

The undersigned has purchased a New Clipping Machine for clipping horses, and is prepared to do good work at reasonable rates. Horses clipped at the Scott House, Stirling.

ROBERT FLETCHER.

FARM TO LET.

I will rent or let on shares my farm, being Lot number 12 in the 8th Concession of Rawdon, containing 180 acres, with 100 acres cleared. Apply to
SAMUEL BAILEY,
Harold.

The Csar of Russia is reported to be seriously ill. The Grand Duke Michael is presiding over the Russian government.

The Presbyterian Church at Minnedosa, Minn., was burned on Sunday during the time of morning service. The organ, library and furniture were saved. Insurance \$1200.

State Senator Patten of Indianapolis, Ind., has originated a novel idea consisting of a scheme to do away with the country school house. He proposes to place the means of a common school education within reach of families by telephone. Telephone boxes will be distributed to the pupils, who will receive instructions in their studies by wire from a central point. All schoolhouses will be dismantled in the township or county save one, which will be used as a central telephone exchange.

accident illustrates a trick many people know anything about. The superintendent said that there is more uncertainty about a lot of statistics than there is genuine humor among them. Some of the things that I have heard of are a number of the things I read or hear outside world. I tell you, no person as you'd think in a hospital.

IS IN YOUR DOCTOR.

Large quotes a story said to be told at a "charity dinner." A brought into the accident was thought to be dead. The superintendent said: "He is dead," but the superintendent said: "No, I'm not," whereupon his wife said: "I thought I saw him."

Ripans Tabules cure liver troubles.
Ripans Tabules cure bad breath.
Ripans Tabules cure dyspepsia.

News Summary.

Recent Happenings Briefly Told.

CANADA.

Counterfeit ten-cent pieces are in circulation in Hamilton. The annual horse show will be held in Toronto on April 12 to 15.

The first railway train has crossed the summit of the White Pass. Nova Scotia expects to receive \$400,000 last year, and the revenue was \$385,000. Lord Strathcona has given \$1,000 to the St. Jean Baptiste Society, of Montreal.

Parliament has been summoned to meet on Thursday, March 16, for the despatch of business.

As a result of recent accidents the Winnipeg Street Railway will attach tenders to their electric cars.

A large emigration is promised this season from the Parry Sound district to the Northwest.

Toronto is planning a four-day festival to celebrate the opening of the new municipal building at the North-West.

The Provincial Government has put aside \$15,000 to help advertise British Columbia at the Paris Exposition.

The C.P.R. car shops at Perth, Ont., are turning out 100 box cars, 50 coal cars, and 50 flat cars.

The machine shops of Dobbin & Stuart's foundry at Thorold was burned on Saturday causing a loss of \$10,000.

James White, a Galt carriage manufacturer, has been arrested on a charge of robbing Miss Harlow, his ward, of \$4,000.

The Ottawa license commissioners have decided to reduce the hotel licenses from 77 to 30, and the number of shops from 33 to 30.

A by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers of Winnipeg in April to provide for the city owning and operating its own electric light plant.

The death of Miss Bertha Dugan took place at Victoria, B.C., on Saturday. She was a daughter of Judge Dugan, and was on her way to join her father at Dawson City.

American physicians having been refused permission to take out licenses to practice in the Alton district, they have sent a deputation to protest to the British Columbia Government.

Mrs. Mary Annie Cameron, wife of Rev. A. A. Cameron, has issued a writ against The Ottawa Electric Railway Company, for \$6,000 damages for injuries sustained in an accident during an exhibition week.

The C.P.R. line in the west is to be greatly improved this year. Wooden bridges will be replaced with steel girders, and a double track between Winnipeg and Fort William is among the possibilities.

A report comes from the Peace River valley of an attempt of a party of Algonquin travellers who had been on a short, to kill one of their number named J. A. McNabb for the purpose of eating his horse. The young man effected his escape.

Mr. Alex. Sinclair, of the Elder-Dempster Co., who is now in Montreal, says that the company will institute a weekly passenger service between Montreal and Liverpool, with the fastest steamers ever seen there. The line will be distinctly a Canadian one.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has dismissed the appeal of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, and has affirmed the judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada awarding \$25,000 damages to Mr. Washington, a yardman, who was injured at Hamilton.

The Nova Scotia Legislature is to be asked to incorporate the company, headed by H. M. Whitney, of Boston, which proposes to buy from the Nova Scotia Steel Company what is the part of its iron deposits at the Straits of Belle Isle and establish blast furnaces in the island of Cape Breton. The capital of the company is to be \$10,000,000.

The first military camp at Niagara will begin on June 6, when all the regular infantry troops will be under the weekly instruction, together with four squadrons of cavalry, viz: The Governor-General's Body Guard, Toronto; A Squadron, Light Regiment, Canadian Dragoons, Toronto; Second Dragoons, St. Catharines; First Hussars, London.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The estate of the late Ferdinand James de Rothschild is found to be valued at £1,485,182.

The announcement is made that Bristol Channel will be defended with guns of the latest type.

Sir Robert Rogers will succeed the late Sir Joseph William Chitty as Lord Justice of the English Court of Appeal.

In the British House of Commons Tuesday Mr. Wyndham announced that recruiting for the regular army in Canada was under consideration.

J. Pierpont Morgan, the New York banker, will contribute \$25,000 to the cost of establishing an electric light plant in St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

The decoration of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India has been conferred upon Lady Curzon, wife of Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, the Viceroy of India.

London and German papers are advertising for Prince Ludwig Frederick, missing since he attended the Duke of Portland's party at Welbeck Abbey.

Influenza is epidemic in London. Doctors say it must be a new strain, a regular disease, the same as pneumonia.

The Lord Mayor of London has instructed his private secretary, W. Bousley, to take steps to prevent the Government of uninvited guests at the Mansion House reception.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Legislature to prohibit discrimination in freight rates by common carriers. It imposes a minimum penalty of \$500 for each offence.

On operations in South Lancashire have agreed to give a month's notice to their men, and to give an advance of wages to the men.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Notes of Proceedings in the Local Parliament.

SOME NEW BILLS.

Andrew Pattullo, M.P.E., has introduced a bill, which, if passed, will mean a radical change in Councils. It provides that the Councils shall consist of a mayor and ten councillors, in towns of over 5,000 and not more than 7,000, a reeve and eight councillors; in towns of 3,000 and not exceeding 5,000, a reeve and six councillors; in towns of 3,000 and a mayor and four councillors; in incorporated villages there shall be a reeve and four councillors; and in townships and four councillors—all to be elected by general vote. The bill further provides that the mayor of every town and reeve of every village and township shall be elected in alternate years, the candidate being elected in the next election to hold office until 1902. The bill also sets forth that one-half of each Council shall retire each year. Those retiring the first year will be those receiving the smallest number of votes. In case more than one-half in number of the councillors of any such town or of any township or village are returned by acclamation at the municipal election to be held for the year 1900, one-half in number shall retire at the municipal election for the year 1901, and the number who shall so retire shall be determined by lot.

Mr. Tucker introduced a bill to amend the Corporation in open Council, not later than the first day of December, 1899.

Mr. Tucker introduced a bill which provides that every official who canvasses, speaks or takes any part in elections shall be fined \$300 and costs on conviction, or six months in prison. The official will lose his position and will not be able to accept any other Government position.

Mr. Foy introduced a bill to give municipal franchises to persons not at \$400 personal property on the last revised assessment roll, who have lived continuously in the municipality. The bill also repeals the clause in the Municipal Act which enables the Council to elect the Mayor of a city where the office becomes vacant after the first day of July of any year, and likewise amends the provision respecting the Board of Control by providing for the election of four aldermen to the Board instead of three, by providing for the election of members of the Board by open vote instead of by ballot, and by depriving the Mayor of his second vote. The bill provides for the following names of petitions in connection with the bill, which are without the consent of the Council or the committee dealing with it.

AN INSURANCE COMPANY.

By a private bill introduced by Mr. Marter, Joseph J. Folger, Wm. East, Thomas Bell, William Fairbanks and Martin Newman Merry, of the city of Toronto, ask incorporation as a company to be called the "Ontario Life Insurance Company," for the purpose of carrying on a general insurance business on the mutual principle.

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CONFIRMATION OF BY-LAWS.

The town of Prescott asks that an Act be passed to confirm and legalize a by-law passed on September 5th, 1898, by which the Council resolved the construction of a system of water-works and sewers in Prescott. They further want power to issue debentures to the work. These debentures are to be made payable in forty annual instalments of \$100,000 each.

Oshawa wants to have a new water-works system, and by a bill seeks power to convert the same into debentures. The by-law authorizing this has been passed by a majority of 10 out of a total of 41 votes. The town wishes to issue debentures to extend over a period of 40 years. Doubts also have been expressed as to the legality of the division of the sum into two parts for water-works and sewers respectively, and otherwise it is desirable to set the same at rest.

BINDER TWINE.

Hon. E. J. Davis, replied to Mr. Marter's question as to how much binder twine had been made at the Central Prison during the current year. The present contract. The Provincial Secretary said that during the year 1898-99 there was no twine made, as a result of the fire at the prison. The contractors paid \$2 1/2 cents per hundred pounds for labour and the use of machinery.

DOPE AGREEMENT.

Mr. Davis laid on the table the agreement between the Government and Prison Company for the manufacture of binder twine. It was made on the 1st of June, 1898, and provides that the company shall purchase all the machinery, subject to approval of the Government, and the company is to be reimbursed by allowances from the amount, due from the Government, at the price of one shilling per hundred pounds of twine. The company is to pay half the salary of the engineer, and are bound to maintain the machinery in good order, and to binder twine per day. The agreement is to be in force until 1905.

MUNICIPAL AUDITS.

The annual report of the Provincial Municipal Auditor was laid on the table. During 1898 the deficits in municipal accounts amounted to \$12,000, while in 1897 they amounted to \$10,000. The Auditor has introduced the new system of book-keeping and auditing which the Government put in force. The new system of book-keeping and auditing has been highly appreciated and gave promise of being a great success. Some municipalities were anxious for the appointment of a Municipal Auditor.

During the past year audits were made at South Marysburg Township, where a deficit of \$1,353.55 was found, but which was made up by the sale of Flos, at Niagara, Niagara Falls, West Zorra, North Colchester and Orillia. At the latter place a deficit of \$5,227.75 was found.

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ELECTRIC RAILWAY BONDS.

Mr. Dryden has given notice of a bill to amend the Street Railway Act in regard to electric railway bonds and other matters. The bill is regarded as a long measure, and the present measure, it is understood, will relax them somewhat.

Mr. Graham introduced a bill providing that the Councils of townships may pass by-laws for establishing fire limits in the townships.

Mr. McLaughlin brought in a bill for the purpose of exempting farming implements and vehicles, hay, grain and other products of the property of the owner or tenants of farms, from taxation.

LAST SEASON'S CUT OF LOGS.

Hon. J. M. Gibson laid on the table a return of the cut of logs in 1897-98 on the limits of the Georgian Bay, Lake Huron, and Lake Superior districts, and which were driven to either of these lakes—Pices, 3,887,120; feet, 308,703,312; left in the woods, 8,932,985; exported, 105,544,777 feet.

SPENT ON PUBLIC WORKS.

The report of the Public Works Department was issued.

The sum of \$115,000 was expended on maintenance account, for fuel, gas, water, repairs, etc. The sum of \$115,889 was expended on capital account for public buildings and public works. The total sum expended on public works since Confederation amounts to \$10,754,414. The railway statement shows that the total cost of the railway, before Confederation, \$2,513 built since, and 288 miles under construction now.

MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Markets.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Here are some of today's sales:—

Two loads of shipping cattle, averaging 1,200 lbs., sold at \$4.75 per cwt.

A load of 22 butcher cattle, averaging 1,050 lbs., sold at 4 1/8 per cwt.

A lot of 18 butcher cattle, averaging 900 lbs., sold at \$3.90 per cwt.

Two loads of butcher cattle, averaging 1,000 lbs., sold at \$3.50 per cwt., and ten dollars added on the deal.

Three prime steers, averaging 1,360 lbs., sold at 50 per cwt.

Twelve mixed cows and heifers, averaging 1,050 lbs., sold at 3 1/2 per pound, and five dollars back.

Thirteen mixed cattle, averaging 900 lbs., sold at 3 1/4 per pound.

Good choice veals are badly wanted, and will sell at from \$5 to \$8 each; common and inferior are worth from \$2.50 to \$4.50 each.

Lean to-day was weaker, and tomorrow from 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 per cwt. is all that can be depended on, and to fetch the latter figure they must be choice.

Sheep are unchanged at 3 1/4 per pound.

Bucks are not fetching more than from 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 per pound.

As we indicated in last Tuesday's report would probably be the case, hogs are weaker.

The best price paid to-day for "angers" was \$1.57 1/2 per cwt.

Light hogs are selling at nothing over \$4 per cwt.

For thick fat hogs the quotations are from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.

Sows sell at 30 per pound or more. Stags are fetching only 20 per pound.

The market is weak, and the outlook is for still lower figures.

Following is the range of current quotations:—

Cattle.

Shipping, per cwt. . . . 4.25 4.75

Butcher, choice, do. . . 4.25 4.75

Butcher, med. to good 3.12 3.50

Butcher, inferior, . . . 2.75 3.00

Sheep and Lambs.

Ewes, per cwt. . . . 3.25 3.50

Lambs, per cwt. . . . 4.25 4.50

Bucks, per cwt. . . . 2.50 2.75

Milkers and Calves.

Cows, each 25.00 15.00

Calves, each 2.00 0.00

Hogs.

Choice hogs, per cwt. . . 4.25 4.75

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AT ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES.

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Men's Strong Boot, Bel. tongue, \$1.00 Girls' Plaid Top, nobly, \$1.00 to 1.25
Men's Seamless Oil Tanned, 1.25 All kinds of Baby Boots.
Ladies' Lace Boots, 1.00 Boots for Fat Babies.
Boys' Lace Boots, 1.00 Men's Fine Dongola Bal., 1.25
Ladies' Fine Button Boots, \$1.25 to 2.00 Men's Chocolate and Black Bals. \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50
Ladies' Fine Shoes, \$1.00 to 2.00

All made to our order, and made by best manufacturers in Canada. Come to us if you want good goods at low prices.

BOOTS MADE TO ORDER.

We are rushed with orders. Leave your measure early.

We would ask all those who have long standing accounts to call and settle, as we need money and must collect.

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TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders will be received up to March 10th, 1900, for the moving of Shamrock Cheese Factory, situated on Lot 21 in the North Con. of the Township of Sidney. Full particulars may be had by applying to the undersigned, or to Michael Sisk, at the Factory. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
By Order of the Committee.
J. W. SAGER, President.
Stirling, Feb. 22nd, 1899.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACOB ARCHIBALD, late of the Township of Huntingdon, in the County of Hastings, deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Act in that behalf, that the undersigned, J. E. EARL, Executor of the said estate, do hereby give notice to all creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of Jacob Archibald, late of the Township of Huntingdon, in the County of Hastings, farmer, deceased, who died on or about the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1899, to send in all claims, properly supported, to the undersigned, J. E. EARL, Executor of the said estate, at his office, situated at the West End of the Township of Huntingdon, on or before the 15th day of March, A. D. 1900, a statement in writing of their claims and addresses, and full particulars of their claims and demands, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them. And notice is further given that after the date above mentioned the said executor will proceed to settle the claims of which notice is hereby notified to be paid in the amount of their indebtedness on or before the 15th day of March, and to the said executor.
J. E. EARL, Executor.

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ADVERTISING NOTICES.

In the local column will be charged as follows: To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and under, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines, 7c. per line. Matter set in larger than the ordinary type, 10c. per line.
To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains will start at the following times:
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.
Mail, 6:15 a.m. Mail, 1:47 p.m.
Mixed, 6:42 a.m. Mixed, 10:20 a.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1899.

LOCAL MATTERS.

All the members of the Band are earnestly requested to be in attendance at the Band Hall on Friday evening. By request of leader.

New Spring Furnishings arriving daily at ward's.

A "Poverty Soshul" in aid of the building fund of St. Andrew's Church will be given at the home of Mrs. Philip Conley on Friday evening, March 10th.

Fresh Oysters to-day at C. Oakes.

A 24th of May Celebration will be held here on that date, under the auspices of the Band. Nothing will be left undone to make the day a pleasant one for all. Particulars later.

Go to L. Meiklejohn for Bicycles.

The management of St. Andrew's Church have decided to give a concert in the Music Hall on the evening of Easter Monday and are securing the best talent available. See posters.

A Decided Novelty—W. H. Calder's Musical Clocks, only \$3.50.

Mr. Jas. McCann, while working on the G. T. R., near Madoc Junction, on Wednesday morning had the misfortune to cut his foot with an axe causing a very severe wound which will likely lay him up for some time.

If you wear Hats or Caps see ward's new styles.

The Condemn Supper and Concert given by the Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Andrew's Church on Friday evening of last week was well attended and was most successful in every respect. The proceeds amounted to \$91.60.

The degree team of Stirling Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 219 is going to Thomasburg to confer degrees, shortly. A full attendance is requested at next regular meeting to complete arrangements.

G. L. SCOTT, R. S.

The district meeting of the C. O. O. F. was held in this village yesterday, and a large number of delegates were present from all parts of the district. In the evening a banquet was given at the Scott House to Mr. J. S. Tice, D. D. G. M., who is about to remove to Manitoba.

We are leading in Fine Ordered Suits at ward's.

The Eganville Star says about sixty inches of snow has fallen in that vicinity this winter. In this section of country there has not been six inches of snow, and but a short season of only medium sleighing. The roads and fields have been bare for the past two weeks.

A full line of sundries and repairs for bicycles kept at L. Meiklejohn's.

The lecture given in the Music Hall last evening under the auspices of the Horticultural Society, by Mr. Martin Burrell, of St. Catharines, was well attended, the hall being filled. Mr. Burrell gave a very interesting and instructive lecture, and was listened to with good attention.

Mrs. A. N. Fox, of Lism, Michigan, and Misses Pearl and Bessie Fox have been visiting relatives and friends in this village and vicinity for the past week or two.

The death of Uriah Wright, which took place on Sunday morning last, was quite sudden. Though he had been ill for some time, his death was unexpected. As a member of the community he will be missed. He was a member of the School Board, and had been a member of the Village Council. The funeral on Tuesday was largely attended.

Tuesday evening last was "Canadian Night" at the Epworth League of the Methodist Church in this village. It was literary night, and the meeting was in charge of Miss Thompson. The weather was very unfavorable, causing the absence of some who were to take part in the programme. Mr. D. Sager gave an admirable address on "Canadian Poets," giving a short review of the life and most important work of some of them. Good attention was given, and those present showed their hearty appreciation of the address by a unanimous vote of thanks at the close. The Canadian National Anthem, by Imrie, was sung by a chorus of girls during the evening.

At a special meeting of the Village Council held on Feb. 24th, the Clerk was directed to advertise in the "Contract Record" for tenders from civil engineers for the following work in connection with the proposed Waterworks: 1st.—For working plans, specifications and estimates. 2nd.—For superintending the work during construction.

The February "Little Christian." An excellent paper is "The Little Christian," and the February number is fully up to past issues. It would be impossible to commend this paper too highly. Every parent should subscribe to it for their children. It is published by H. L. Hastings, 47 Cornhill, Boston, Mass., at 30c. per annum.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

DEAR SIR,—In looking over our correspondence as it appeared in your issue of last week we find that a slight error occurs in the eighth line. Where it reads "this year," it should have read "this far." Also in the thirtieth line we find that a few words have been omitted, so that where it reads "it appears to be the misfortune to have," it should have read "it appears to be the misfortune of almost every community to have."

Kindly make the above corrections and very much oblige, yours truly,
JAMES SCOTT.
Rawdon Feb. 24th, 1899.

Overcoat Selling.
It is surprising the number of overcoats and ulsters the Oak Hall, Belleville, have sold during the month of February. You would think that any person needing an overcoat would have bought early in the season. Our prices were the drawing card. Investigate.

Auction Sale.
TUESDAY, MARCH 14.—On lot 3 in the 8th Con. of Rawdon, the farm stock and implements belonging to Mr. Philip Brown. Sale at 1 o'clock p.m. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

Married.
GILES-WILLIAMS.—At the residence of the bride's father, on March 1st, by Rev. W. D. P. Wilson, L. L. TICE, D. GILES of St. Catharines, and Miss ESTELLA WILLIAMS, daughter of Mr. H. W. WILLIAMS, of Rawdon.

PARKER-CARLETON.—At the residence of the bride's father, on Monday, Feb. 27th, by Rev. C. M. Harris, JAS. L. PARKER, B. A. of Stirling, and Miss GRACE CARLETON, daughter of A. W. Carleton, Esq., M.P. for North Hastings.

Deaths.

ELLIOTT.—In Rawdon, on Feb. 26, CATHERINE ELLIOTT, aged 75 years and 4 months.

WRIGHT.—In Stirling, on Feb. 26th, URIAH WRIGHT, aged 61 years, 11 months, 11 days.

VANDERVOORT.—At Wellman's Corners, on Feb. 26th, JAMES A. VANDERVOORT, aged 7 years, 1 month and 11 days.

SHALL WE PROTECT OURSELVES?

The ravages of disease and death still lurk in our locality, arising from colds and chills by exposure. One ounce of prevention is, we are told, worth a pound of cure. Those who are the least tender and susceptible to cold should not expose themselves without warm and comfortable FURS, now when they can be bought so cheap at the store of J. BOLDRICK & SON. This season of the year no profits are looked for. Come and make us a call—we will surprise you.

ROBES were never offered at such low prices. LADIES' CAPES, also, Now is the time for good bargains.

J. BOLDRICK & SON.

SPRING 1899

It is about time to think of SPRING GOODS. We have just received our Spring Stock of

Cottonnades, Shirts, Cottons, Prints, and Steamlooms.

WE HAVE THE CHEAPEST LINE OF

READY-MADE CLOTHING

in town, which we are selling at lower than wholesale prices.

A FRESH STOCK OF GROCERIES ALWAYS ON HAND.

Agent for the BELLEVILLE LAUNDRY

To which we send every Wednesday.

E. F. PARKER.

All past due Accounts must be paid without more delay.

SEEDS.

We know it is a little early to speak about Seeds, but there are people who take advantage of the markets by buying early, as Seeds will doubtless be higher as the season advances.

We are prepared to supply our customers with the best grades of

Alsike, Clover, Red Clover and Lucerne,

at prices as low as any house in the trade.

A liberal discount to large purchasers.

GROUND OIL CAKE in Stock.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.—We have a good supply in stock.

WM. HOLDEN.

DON'T YOU WANT A PAIR OF RUBBERS?

Everybody should make provision against the trying spring month by being well shod. We have the reputation of keeping the best Rubbers in the market, and we intend to keep that reputation by keeping only THE BEST BRANDS OF RUBBER FOOTWEAR.

What About a Pair of Hand-Made Boots for Spring?

Our steadily increasing trade in this department is best evidence that we are successful. Every pair is GUARANTEED to fit and give the best of satisfaction.

It will pay you to call on us for your SPRING SHOES.

Martin & Reynolds.

Butter and Eggs taken in Exchange.

WARD!

I have just received a large quantity of Clover Seed, Red and Alsike, free from foul seed. This seed will be sold at rock bottom figure.

In a few days I shall have plenty of Timothy and Lucerne, or Alfalfa, and prices will be right.

DAIRY PAIRS, all sizes, all qualities, including the Iron Clad Bottom Dairy Pair. I am selling them away down in price.

MILK CANS, SAP SPOUTS, SAP BUCKETS, 5 and 10 quarts, always kept on hand.

Just received, **200 GALS. MIXED PAINT**. All shades. Price and quality guaranteed.

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HONOR GRADUATE OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY, AND M.R.C.D.S. OF ONTARIO.
Office—Over Parker's new building.
Will visit Marmora every Thursday.

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\$50 MONEY TO LOAN.

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Private Money to Loan at Lowest Rates.
Offices, East side Front St.

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CONVEYANCER, COMMISSIONER FOR TAKING ADMISSIVE, Office over the store lately occupied by G. L. Scott, Stirling.

BAILIFFS AND AUCTIONEERS.
CHARLES BUTLER AND HARRY HARRIS, Bailiffs and Licensed Auctioneers for the County of Hastings. Satisfaction guaranteed. All orders promptly attended to. C. Butler, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, as usual. Residence, Stirling, Ont.

STIRLING LODGE
No. 239,
I.O.O.F.
Meets in the Lodge room,
Conley block,
EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
At 8 o'clock. G. L. SCOTT, R.S.

DENTISTRY.
C. L. HAWLEY, L.D.S.

TRENTON, GRADUATE OF THE TORONTO School of Dentistry, will visit Stirling professionally, the second and last Friday in each month until further notice.
The Dental English Vitrified Air, Gas, and all the modern improvements known to Dentistry, will be used for the painless extraction and preservation of the natural teeth.
Rooms at Scott House.

B. C. HUBBELL,
MARMORA.
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A. E. TWEEDIE, V.S., Stirling.
Office one door west of the Kerby Hotel.
Calls promptly attended day and night.

STIRLING MARBLE WORKS.
JOHN MOORE,
IMPORTER OF FOREIGN MARBLE AND GRANITE, has now on hand a full supply of Marble in Southern Falls and Blue; also, Granite. A call solicited. Shop on Front Street.

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Billheads, Circulars,
Cards, Posters,
—AND—
JOB PRINTING
OF ALL KINDS, AT
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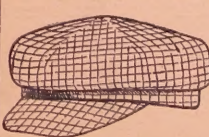
Notice to the Public.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING TAKEN out license as Auctioneer for the County of Hastings is prepared to attend all sales on shortest notice. Terms as low as the lowest, and satisfaction guaranteed. Orders left at the News-Argus office or addressed to me at Stirling, will be promptly attended to.
WM. RODGERS.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD MCCANN, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, farmer, deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Ontario, Chap. 129, sec. 38, to all creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of Edward McCann, of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, farmer, deceased, who died on or before the 14th day of January, A.D. 1899, to send, by mail, prepaid, or otherwise deliver to the undersigned, as hereunder, on or before the 14th day of March, A.D. 1899, a statement in writing of their names and addresses, and particulars of their claims, and demands, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them.
And notice is further given that after the date mentioned the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been given as required.
All persons indebted to the said estate are also hereby notified to hand in the amount of their indebtedness on or before the 14th day of March next to the said executor.
Dated the 14th day of February, A.D. 1899.
J. EARL HALLIWELL,
Solicitor for Executors.

We are not Jingoos, but



We've got the Goods,
We've got the Hats,
We've got the Styles
and Novelties too
That'll suit you

One strong point in our favor is the high class Hats we keep at moderate prices.

It is one of our hobbies, this HAT and CAP business. We try to get all there is new in Hats, that is, good Hats, you know, and when we open out our stock in full you will think we have succeeded very well.



Call and get your Hat before it is gone, at



FRED. T. WARD'S,
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR, HATTER & FURNISHER.

Stock-Taking Sale

NEXT 10 DAYS.

Big Bargains in UNDERWEAR, MEN'S FELT HATS.
MEN'S READY-MADE CLOTHING less than cost.
MEN'S CAPS at just half price.
WRAPPERETTES and PRINTS away down. Clearing them out for Spring Goods.

LADIES' FELT HATS, BIRDS, WINGS & WINTER FLOWERS.

We are clearing them out to make room for Spring Millinery, and at a great bargain never before offered.

Butter and Eggs wanted in Exchange.

The People's Store.

C. F. STICKLE.

THE VERY LATEST PRODUCTIONS IN JEWELRY ARE TO BE FOUND AT OUR STORE.

See our window for the newest goods on the market. We are showing something entirely new in Bracelets, Blouse Sets, Dress Pin Sets, Brooches and Sash Belt Buckles. Just opened out to-day.

W. H. CALDER,
JEWELRY, OPTICAL GOODS & STATIONERY.

EYESIGHT TESTED FREE.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

Neither is there any place like JOHN SHAW'S for Groceries, Provisions and Crockery. You needn't take our word for it. We give you a cordial invitation to come and see. You will need an extra supply for Christmas, on account of friends coming to see you. We can supply you, and our prices are right.

Cranberries, Currants, Raisins, Peels, Sugar, Spices, Flour, Pork, Lard, Salt.
—In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.
JOHN SHAW.

THE NEWS-ARGUS

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS,

To end of Dec., 1899, for 75c.

Village Council.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Stirling Municipal Council held Mar. 6. Members present, T. H. McKee, Reeve, W. H. Calder, L. Meiklejohn, and Chas. E. Parker.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
The following accounts were on motion ordered to be paid:—
Contract Record, ad. to civil engineering, \$1.50
News-Argus printing and advertising, 16.00
R. Jarvis, wood to P. Smith, 1.00
Mr. Calder gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would introduce a By-Law to prohibit the use of any of the public streets in the village as a pasture, and to impose a penalty upon the owners of horses or cattle of any kind who allow the same to graze upon any of the said streets, and also to regulate the height of awnings in front of shops or places of business in the village.
On motion of Mr. Calder, seconded by Mr. Meiklejohn, the council adjourned to meet again on Monday evening next.
JOHN S. BLACK, Clerk.

School Board Meeting.

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Education held Mar. 7th, 1899.
Members present, Jos. Doak, Chairman, A. Chard, Dr. Faulkner, Dr. Meiklejohn, Jas. Milne, Dr. Parker, O. Vandervoort and F. T. Ward.
The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
Moved by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Chard, that Mr. Holden's offer of a rental of \$8.00 per annum for Board room be accepted. Carried.
The account of News-Argus for printing amounting to \$3.00 was on motion ordered to be paid.
The resignation of Miss Thompson, teacher in the primary department was received.
Moved by Mr. Chard, seconded by Mr. Vandervoort that the resignation of Miss Thompson be accepted and that the Sec'y advertise in Saturday's Globe for a teacher for the primary department. Salary \$250, and class Normal certificate. Carried.
On motion the Board adjourned.
JOHN S. BLACK, Secretary.

Rawdon Council.

Rawdon Town Hall, March 6th, '99.
Minutes of a regular meeting of Rawdon Council held on above date.
Council met agreeable to adjournment. Members all present. Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed.
Mr. Joseph Hogg applied for a grant on Maybee's hill, 5th Con. The Road surveyor was instructed to inspect and report on same.
John G. Morrow made application for payment for the road running across Lot No. 12, Con. 14. Moved by Mr. Rodgers and seconded by Mr. Linn that the Reeve look after this matter and report at the next meeting of the Council. Carried.
Thos. Walker, Jr. applied for a grant on Johnson's hill, 4th Con. west half Lot 21. Road surveyor to inspect and report at the next Council meeting.
A petition was presented signed by E. W. Hawkins and 32 others, asking that the road allowance be opened in the 4th Con. east of Lot No. 7. On motion the petition was received and filed.
Mr. Linn introduced a by-law to appoint road masters, poundkeepers and fenceviewers. The by-law was put through its several readings and passed.
[Note.—The list of names of those appointed will be published next week.—Editor.]

The auditors presented their report in detail, and abstract form. Mr. Linn moved seconded by Mr. Clements, that the auditors' report be received and that the clerk get fifty copies printed (abstract for sure reference). Carried.
Wallace Hoard and Oscar Merrick applied for a grant of \$25.00 in order to build culverts on the Town Line between Rawdon and Seymour in the 1st Con.
Moved by Mr. Rodgers, and seconded by Mr. Clements, that the above amount be granted by this Council, provided Seymour Council grant a similar amount. Carried.
The clerk was instructed to correspond with W. H. Aylesworth relative to establishing the boundary lines of the ninth concession.
The following amounts were ordered to be paid:—
John Morgan, wood for Gardeniers \$4.00
John Morgan, plank, 1.25
J. R. Cook, com. s. labor, 4.00
Lewis Gardenier, com. s. labor, 4.00
L. Meiklejohn, stone hammers, 3.40
Jonathan Barlow, gravel, 2.85
J. Boldrick & Son, lumber, .40
Hiram McKee, gravel, 6.00
G. L. Burkitt, cedar for culverts, 17.99
Insurance on Town Hall, 15.00
W. McKee, gravel, 1.75
David Linn, support of Wm. Wallace, 16.00
Mrs. Small, special grant, 6.00
Mrs. Orest, on collection, 18.00
Council adjourned subject to the call of the Reeve.
THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Clerk.

Rev. Dr. King, Principal of Manitoba Presbyterian College, Winnipeg, called on Sunday afternoon last. He was one of the leading ministers of the Presbyterian Church, and will be greatly missed. He was in the 70th year of his age. He was born in Roxburghshire, Scotland, educated at Edinburgh University, and his first charge on coming to this country was at Columbus and Brooklyn. For many years he has been at the head of Manitoba College.

Fine Business Suits.

The Oak Hall, Belleville, are making a specialty in nice business suits at \$10.00. These suits are made of the best shades of cloth, and they have the proper finish and "set-up" to them. All sizes, and in single, double-breasted and skirt coats. You men who think ready-made clothing is not so good as ordered work, take a look at these \$10 suits.

C.O.O.F. District Meeting.

The district meeting of the Canadian Order of Oddfellows for Districts Nos. 10 and 11, which was held in this village last week, was attended by delegates from Cobourg, Concession, Trenton, St. Olay, Rednerville, Belleville, Napance, Shan-nonville, Sidney, Ivanhoe, Plainfield, Madoc, Marmora and Springbrook, about sixty-five in all being present. The report showed the districts to be in a flourishing condition, nearly 90 members being enrolled, and a good surplus on hand to meet all claims. Mr. I. D. Begg, of Cobourg, is the newly elected D.D.G.M. for next year.

In the evening a complimentary banquet was tendered Mr. J. S. Tice, the retiring D.D.G.M., at the Scott House. The large dining hall of the hotel was nicely draped and decorated, and a fine spread furnished by mine host, Weese. After the inner man was satiated with the good things provided, the intellectual part of the programme. Short speeches were made in response to a number of toasts, interspersed with solos from H. S. Ferguson and others. During the evening Mr. Tice was made the recipient of a beautifully engraved address from his Brethren, expressing confidence in him, and regret at his intended departure. A thoroughly good time was brought to a close all too soon, the company dispersing at 11 o'clock.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Jas. Meiklejohn, one of the oldest residents of Rawdon, passed away on the evening of Tuesday last, at the age of 83. Mrs. Meiklejohn was born in Perthshire, Scotland, and came to this country in 1844, and was left a widow with a large family in the year 1853. She had only one relative in this country, her youngest brother, Colonel Lindsay, of Southampton, who died about two years ago. Her youngest daughter is now living in the city of Montreal, one son is in the gold regions of Alaska, and the rest of her children reside in this locality, of whom Mr. L. Meiklejohn, hardware merchant of this village, is one.

Mrs. Meiklejohn had been confined to her bed for eight months, and never during her long illness was the heart to complain; but the same splendid Christian character which characterized her whole life was shown all through her recent sickness. Those who have known her, and have come in contact with her from time to time have felt the influence and power of her Christian life.

Never was there a mother more faithful and devoted to her children. The great aim of her life seemed to be to train her children for future usefulness. The remains will be buried in the 12th Line Cemetery. Services at the house on Friday at 1 o'clock.

The "Witness" National Song Competition.

Nearly a year ago the Montreal "Witness" offered four prizes of \$50, \$25, \$15 and \$10 respectively for the four best national songs sent in before Aug. 1, 1898. In response to this offer over seven hundred songs were received, some coming from England, South Africa, Australia and the United States. These were sent to the three Canadian judges, Dr. Clarke, of Trinity College, Dr. Murray, of McGill University, and Dr. Dawson, Queen's Printer, Ottawa. They selected from the seven hundred the ten best, which were sent to the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, who decided in favor of the following order of merit:—"Canada Forever" by Miss A. M. Machar, ("Fidelis") Kingston, Ont.
"Canada Fair," by John Macfarlane, Westmont.
"National Song," by R. G. S. Anderson, ("Ceres") Wexford, Ont.
"Hymn to Canada," by Katharine L. Macpherson, ("Kay Livingstone") Montreal.

The four songs are published in the Witness of Saturday last, March 4th.

Iron mining will be commenced at once in Belmont township.

G. Nicholson, of Sidney, cut eleven cords of firewood from his ash tree.

Sugarcane office, in Wollaston, North Hastings, has been closed.

Mr. Sam Curry, of the Queen's Hotel, Belleville, has leased Mrs. Moon's hotel in Madoc, and took possession last Wednesday.

A report of an \$800 postoffice robbery at Deseronto has reached the Dominion police headquarters at Ottawa. The information was obtained at 9 o'clock on Friday night, and Inspector Hogan was sent out on the 10 p.m. train. Word has been received from him that he has taken in charge James Henderson, a first charge on charges, with the theft. Henderson was arraigned on Monday before the Deseronto Magistrate.

STIRLING CASH STORE

BIG SALE

This week we purchased the Clothing & Furnishing Stock of William Holden at a rate on the dollar. This will enable us to give you

IMMENSE

bargains in Children's, Men's and Youths' clothing. Everything will go at wholesale prices.

Look for circular and adv't. quoting prices.

T. G. CLUTE.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN SOAPS.

In order to reduce our Stock of Soaps I will offer as follows:—
6 bars Ivory Bar Soap for.....25c.
6 bars Good Will Soap for.....25c.
7 bars Electric Soap for.....25c.
10 bars Laundry Soap for.....25c.
6 bars Telephone Soap for.....25c.

SYRUPS.

We have a quantity of Diamond Drip, also, Sugar Syrup in stock.

5 POUNDS OF GOOD JAPAN TEA FOR \$1.00.

FLOUR & SALT always in stock.

S. HOLDEN.

P.S.—A good Farm for sale.

AUCTION SALE.

The following articles will be sold by Public Auction on Monday, the 14th day of March, 1899, at the hour of two o'clock p.m., at the Armstrong House, at Glen Ross, in the Township of Sidney, in the County of Hastings:
One Brown Horse. One Brown Mare. One set double lumber Harness. The above are good heavy work horses. Terms of sale, Cash. Dated the 7th day of March, A.D. 1899. ROBERT ARMSTRONG, Vendor.

Tenders Wanted.

Tenders will be received until Saturday evening, March 11th, 1899, for the erection of a brick porch in front of the school house of S. S. No. 7 Seymour. Plans and specifications may be had of the Secretary. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

C. RANNEY,
Sec. S. S. No. 7, Menlo P. O.

HORSE CLIPPING.

The undersigned has purchased a New Clipping Machine for clipping horses, and is prepared to do good work at reasonable rates. Horses clipped at the Scott House, Stirling.

ROBERT FLETCHER.

FARM TO LET.

I will rent or let on shares my farm, being lot number 12 in the 8th Concession of Rawdon, containing 180 acres, with 100 acres cleared. Apply to
SAMUEL BAILEY,
Harold.

Crater Lake, Oregon, is said to be the deepest body of fresh water in America. Only one lake in the world exceeds it in depth—Lake Baikal—and is only 400 feet deeper. Until recently it was asserted Crater Lake was bottomless, but soundings have shown its greatest depth to be 2,000 feet. It is five miles in diameter, nearly circular, and occupies the crater of an extinct volcano.

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six Capuchin monks, who enter the church; the seasons, a cuckoo, a shrill-throated cock, a night watchman, sounding a trumpet or beating a drum. So finely adjusted is the mechanism of this clock that each of the movements appears at the appointed time, and they can all be set in motion at any moment without disturbing the working of the clock.

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News Summary.

Recent Happenings Briefly Told.

CANADA.

Brantford citizens are asking for a technical school.

The city revenue of Montreal for 1918 is \$3,077,839, an increase of \$167,670 over 1917.

An engineer company is to be established in connection with the Toronto Corporation.

The only glass distillery in the Dominion is soon to be erected in the Province of Quebec.

Office hours in the Post Office Department at Ottawa have been extended to 5.30 o'clock.

Chief of Police Horsey of Kingston will resign about the last of May owing to falling below the mark.

The head office of the Crown's North Pass Coal Company will be moved from Montreal to Toronto.

To stop security at the City Commission Ogilvie has interdicted the selling of salt meats.

Lord Minto lost two cases of paintings on ivory by the wreck of the steamer Labrador.

Revelstoke has been proclaimed a city and will elect a Mayor and Aldermen in a few days.

The London City Council has passed a by-law to increase the number of liquor licenses from 34 to 36.

There is a possibility of serious trouble in the Athabasca district between Canadian and American miners.

Two starch factories are to be opened at St. Luc, Quebec, this spring, the centre of the potato growing district.

The Minister of Inland Revenue at Ottawa has decided that all the departmental employees must give guarantor bonds.

Peterboro is offering very liberal inducements to the Thomas Organ Co. of Woodstock, to locate in the former town.

The British Columbia Legislature has memorialized the Federal Parliament to increase the per capita tax upon Chinese to \$200.

A. G. Allison, of Belleville, resigned from the Grand Trunk after 39 years' service, 35 of which he served as train despatcher.

The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England will renew its application for incorporation at the coming session of Parliament.

The City of Montreal will enter eighteen actions against the street railway for insufficient service and overcrowding the cars.

Nova Scotia's timber law will be revised. Instead of giving timber lands in fee simple hereafter they will be granted in lease for 20 years at 500 per acre.

A big combine of salmon canning companies is announced having a capital of \$5,000,000, which will practically control the industry on the Pacific Coast.

The Grand Jury at Montreal have found a true bill against Mr. J. S. Brierley, Managing Director, and Mr. John McKay, Secretary, of The Herald, on charges of libelling Chief of Police Hughes.

The Elgin and St. Thomas hotel-keepers are forming a joint stock defence in the interests of the hotel trade alone, and stock shares for subscription will be sent into every county in the province.

The Montreal Bar Association has decided to take steps to take steps to stop companies and individuals collecting money. It is claimed that such collections usurp the function of the legal profession.

Basel Noel, who claims to have discovered coal on the Klondike, seven miles from Dawson, is on his way to Ottawa, where he will meet Mr. Mifflin on the subject of coal-mining development in the Yukon.

There is such a scarcity of dwelling houses suitable for sale in the suburbs in Brantford that the ensuing spring is likely to see the biggest boom in house building that Brantford has seen for many years.

It is believed in Kingston that Reginald Hooper, now serving a life sentence for the murder of his wife, will be pardoned on the ground of good conduct and the doubtful circumstances of the crime.

Six regularly ordained elders of the Mormon Church are quietly living in Winnipeg, making preparations for a vigorous missionary effort, with a view to converting people to the doctrine of the Mormon church.

Mr. Martin P. Connolly of Quebec has purchased by tender from the Government the output of under twice the current year. The Ontario Hosiery Company will handle the output.

Admiral Beaumont is the newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific squadron, with headquarters at Esquimaux. He succeeds Admiral Pelly.

The first operation under the X-rays in Quebec took place on Wednesday at the Hotel Dieu, where it was used to treat a skin disease of a Miss Pouliot, of St. Laurent, Island of Orleans. The operation was a success.

Two new lines of steamers will run between Quebec and Great Britain next season. The Moss Line will provide a ten-day service between Quebec and Liverpool, and the Mory & Blythe Company of Glasgow will provide a similar service from Quebec to Greenock.

Tom J. H. Ross, of the Northwest Territories Government, Hon. David Laird, Indian Commissioner, and Mr. J. A. McKenna, of the Indian Department, will leave Ottawa about May 24th to negotiate a treaty with the Indians north of the Athabasca River, and extend from the Rocky Mountains to the Hudson Bay.

The Nova Scotia Legislature has appointed a committee to enquire into the fisheries of the province. It is proposed to establish cold storage plants at convenient points along the coast where fish would be preserved, so that fish would always be available to obtain a supply.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has installed an ingenious system of air-motors at Toronto station yards by which the locomotives, pulled by their sand drums replenished, their fire boxes cleaned out, and the ashes can be cleaned away. The system, which formerly took at least half an hour, is performed in less than three minutes.

GREAT BRITAIN.

J. M. Cook, head of the celebrated tourist agency, is dead.

Lord Rosebery has been elected President of the Eighty Club, in succession to Lord Curzon.

It is estimated that the British Government will have to face a deficit of £1,500,000 in the year's accounts.

The bill raising the age at which a child may leave school, from 11 to 12 years was given its second reading in the British House of Commons.

The British Government is awaiting an official report upon the shooting of the three Englishmen at Manila before asking the United States Government to make compensation.

The Very Rev. Andrew Kennedy Hutchison, D.D., LL.D., an author of some prominence, died in London after a carbolic injection in mistake for medicine.

In London forty-five corporations were brought out in February, with 150,000,000 of the stock of the London & North Western Railway, at £17,000,000. An expert asserts that this month bids fair to establish a record in this same direction.

The bill giving the London Board of Trade five years within which to compel British railways to adopt automatic couplings was introduced in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

The British House of Commons adopted a resolution declaring that the British Government should endeavor to remember the growing employment of foreigners in the British mercantile service.

The London, Eng., Times thinks the British Columbia legislation excluding United States from the Allyn mining district is a policy which will make Canada but little sympathy in England.

UNITED STATES.

Railways in Wyoming are blocked with snow.

It is again reported that Archbishop Ireland will make a cardinal.

The American Senate has passed the bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for payment to Spain, without a dissenting voice.

Buffalo people state confidently that the trolley lines in the vicinity will soon be all run by Niagara Falls' power.

Mary E. Prouty, a widow, jumped to her death from the fifth story window during a fire at New York on Tuesday.

Gov. Quincy of Boston has directed the Superintendent of Public Buildings to begin the work of exterminating the English sparrow.

Fire at Wichita, Kansas, destroyed \$2,000,000 worth of goods, including 600,000 pounds of meat.

Buffalo is to have a pan-American Exposition in 1901, at which New York State will erect the \$300,000 building to be open seven days in the week.

A favourable report on the proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamists from being elected to Congress has been made to the House.

Joshua Bailey, 95 years of age, was Wednesday nominated as Republican at Dickinson, N.Y., for the office of town clerk. Mr. Bailey is at present in the declining stage, and is probably the oldest office holder in the country.

Cotton cloth manufacturers of Fall River, Mass., representing interests valued at \$40,000,000, have decided to advance the wages of nearly 30,000 operatives 12 1/2 per cent. There is no doubt that the new rate will go into effect on April 30.

The people of Maryland have presented Rear-Admiral Schley with a sword and diamonds at Baltimore. He is a token of the grateful and heartfelt appreciation of his services in the late war. Schley is a native of the State.

Ohio State authorities have taken action to oust the Pennsylvania Railway Co. and the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway Co. from the State for violating the franchise laws by selling themselves with other roads into a pool to fix passenger rates.

Col. King, of Brooklyn, was awarded a medal for his services against the Pullman Car Co. for ejecting from a sleeping car a man who had been drinking.

It seems his ticket to New York from Baltimore read via the B. & O., while his deeper ticket was good only over the Pennsylvania. The incident happened nearly a year ago.

William Zeigler, of New York, has purchased the Cleveland Baking Powder Company, the Cleveland Baking Powder Company, the New York Baking Powder Company, the Price Baking Powder Company, and the Baking Powder Company, for \$100,000. A new combination will be capitalized at \$600,000.

GENERAL.

A man named Kohn has just died at Vienna at the reputed age of 112 years.

The Chinese of Santiago are following the Filipinos in their hostility towards the United States.

Kaiser William has promoted his brother, Prince Henry of Prussia, to command the cruiser squadron.

The French Government will establish an experimental wireless telegraphy post on this coast.

By the death of his aunt, the Sultanate of Morocco has come into a windfall of \$21,000,000.

Signor Cordova, of Rome, the inventor, has hit upon a screw which will drive the screws.

The Chinese Government has arrested 600 members of a society whose members have sworn her destruction.

The Senate at Madrid were hesitatingly decided on an investigation into the conduct of the great war.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Notes of Proceedings in the Local Parliament.

RAISING THE REVENUE.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt's scheme for the raising of the revenue consists of two measures, one a bill respecting breweries, distilleries and liquor licenses, the other known broadly as an act to supplement the revenues of the province. The amount which these measures will draw to the Provincial Treasury is something like \$300,000, a measure of the revenue from the liquor people, the other two hundred thousand borne by corporations not notorious in their poverty.

Wholesale licenses in 1884 stood at the respectable figure of \$150. They were raised \$225 and later to \$250. Tavern licenses in large cities in turn were \$100, \$150 and \$250. In towns, \$50, \$100, \$150; villages, \$50, \$75, \$100; townships, \$50, \$75, \$100. The municipalities may go on increasing license fees if they choose. The increases to be gathered in under the auspices of Richard Harcourt are for the needs of the Ontario Government alone. No right which the municipalities have exercised is taken away.

In cities with a population of over 150,000 the license fees for beer shall be increased to \$200. In cities between 40,000 and 100,000, there are four of them, the increase is \$150, and in other cities, seven in all, an increase of \$100. For tavern and shop licenses in cities of 150,000 and up the price is just \$150 higher than before, in cities between 40 and 150 thousand \$100 extra, and in all other cities \$100 is added to the original sum. Three railway saloons are each to pay additional license fees of \$150 each.

All told, Ontario has 67 breweries and 8 distilleries. The number of smaller concerns are to be exempt, while the remaining 39 contribute according to the amount of their investment. The breweries will pay from \$100 to \$1,000, the distilleries, two small, four medium, and two very large, from \$750 to \$1,000 each. Harcourt's calculations are any way, and he marks the total revenue from distillers will be \$24,000 from brewers, \$10,000 from other licenses \$65,000, a total of \$110,000.

The license schedule divides the license holders into three classes. 1. Under \$10,000, 2. \$10,000 and 100,000, 3. Over 100,000.

Wholesale Present Proposed fees. 1. First-class, \$250 \$400 2. Second class, \$250 \$400 3. Third-class, \$250 \$400 4. Tavern and Shop, \$150 \$250 5. Second-class, \$150 \$250 6. Third-class, \$150 \$250

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The means by which the Government proposes to add \$200,000 to its revenue are set out in the following schedule: 1. Banks—One-tenth of 1 per cent on capital stock up to \$200,000, 2. 5 per cent on every \$100,000 above \$200,000 and not exceeding \$500,000 and \$15 per \$100,000 above that sum; also an additional tax of \$100 for each office or agency, \$25 for each branch office or agency.

Life insurance—One per cent on the gross premiums received for business within the province of every company transacting business within the province, and one-half of 1 per cent on permanent paid-up capital \$65 on every \$100,000 of paid-up capital.

With terminating or withdrawable capital between \$100,000 and \$200,000 a tax of \$50 from \$200,000 to \$500,000 a tax of \$75, from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 a tax of \$100, and \$50 for each additional \$100,000.

Trust companies—One-third of one per cent on paid up capital stock.

Railway companies—Fifteen dollars per car for every car owned, or operated, which receives provincial subsidies.

Street railways—Every street railway operating in any city \$20 per mile for each mile of track when the mileage does not exceed 15 miles in the city, \$25 per mile for each mile between 15 and 25 miles, \$35 for each mile between 25 and 50 miles, and \$50 for each mile over 50 miles.

Telegraphs—One-fourth of one per cent on the paid-up capital stock.

Following are the proposed rates for the use of telegraph lines for the highways, or vacant land adjoining, except with the consent of the owner, and for the use of telegraph lines for the highways, or vacant land adjoining, except with the consent of the owner, and for the use of telegraph lines for the highways, or vacant land adjoining, except with the consent of the owner.

Telephones—One-third of one per cent on the paid up capital.

Natural gas—One-half of one per cent on the value of the gas transmitted, as well as producing, \$2.50 per 100,000 feet, when transmitting or transporting.

Express companies (2) \$3,000 each. Sleeping car companies (2) = \$3,000 each.

All told, Mr. Harcourt estimates the revenue which the new bill will pull in. Following are the proposed rates for the use of telegraph lines for the highways, or vacant land adjoining, except with the consent of the owner, and for the use of telegraph lines for the highways, or vacant land adjoining, except with the consent of the owner.

Something under \$1,000,000; telephones, something under \$750,000; sleeping cars, \$750,000; express companies, \$6,000; natural gas, \$3,000; life insurance companies, \$12,000; other insurance companies, \$17,000; trust companies, \$1,000; loan companies, \$2,000; street railways, \$15,000; railways receiving provincial subsidies, \$15,000; and all told, approximately, \$104,000.

The bill also provides for a charter of \$2,000,000 which will pay out a sum of \$2,000,000. But there is one bank

in the province with a paid-up capital of \$5,000,000, and another with a paid-up capital of \$2,500,000. The tax has therefore been thought preferable, and the bill provides that an annual sum of \$2,500,000 shall be paid on every \$100,000, in excess of \$50,000, and not exceeding \$500,000, and \$5 for every \$100,000, in excess of \$500,000, and not exceeding \$1,000,000. In addition the bank will be required to pay \$100 for every head office and \$25 for every branch office, and for every business in the province.

No distinction has been made between foreign and Canadian banks, following the example of every other British possession.

THE CANADIAN SENATE. Promoted Hardy has given notice of an important motion. Fault is found with the provisions of the British North America Act so far as they relate to the powers and constitution of the Canadian Senate. There should be, the motion goes on, an amendment to the Act so as to provide that in case of disagreement between the House of Commons and the Senate, the point of difference shall be decided by the House of Commons.

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BILL ABOUT ALIENS. Mr. T. A. Wardell, of Wentworth, has an important bill relating to the employment of aliens. It provides that any company securing a charter from the Ontario Government, whether it be for building of railways or canals, or for any other purpose, shall not employ aliens on any work whatever.

Mr. Wardell feels that Canadians are being unfairly treated, and that people of other countries are being employed on the same work as Canadians, and has drawn up the bill to give the Canadians any advantage of work.

TAX EXEMPTIONS BILL. Mr. P. H. Patterson first introduced an amendment of a bill to amend the Municipal Act regarding tax exemptions. The bill asks that section 401 of the Municipal Act, relating to tax exemptions, be amended so as to provide that no municipality shall be empowered to grant tax exemptions to manufacturing establishments without first coming to the Legislature for the purpose.

Mr. Patterson first introduced a bill, then presented a resolution to secure the sense of the House on the question. With the present bill Mr. Patterson's amendment would give the powers of municipalities in regard to exemptions. The principal clause of the bill is that no municipality shall be empowered to grant tax exemptions to manufacturing establishments without first coming to the Legislature for the purpose.

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paths are to be for the exclusive use of licensed cyclists. The license fee is to be deposited with the city, town, or county, and the fee is to be in the form of a cycle-path fund, which may be drawn upon by the commissioners. Money so collected is to be applied to the repairing of existing cycle paths and the construction of new ones, and the enforcement of regulations for the use of bicycle paths without a license. The license of adding country may be limited.

AGAINST BARBERSHIP. Mr. Little introduced a bill to prohibit cultivation of barberry within half a mile of farm land used for grain producing. It provided that the Minister of Agriculture may direct the destruction of barberry cultivated contrary to the provisions of the Act. It provides also for compensation to the owner of the shrubs destroyed, and a penalty not less than \$20 nor more than \$100.

MR. WARDELL'S ALIEN BILL. Mr. Wardell introduced his alien labour bill. It relates to the employment of any special Act passed during the present session, or hereafter passed, conferring the franchise for constructing a bridge, railway, tramway, turnpike road, telegraph or telephone line, harbour improvements, canals, locks, dams, sluices, rights of way, or any other business, occupation, or calling no alien shall be employed in connection with such work under penalty upon the person employing such alien of \$25 for every day alien is so employed, to be recovered on summary conviction by a justice of the peace, or officer or agent of corporation employing an alien or who permits or connives at such employment shall be liable in the same manner as a private individual.

IMPORTANT MUNICIPAL BILL. Mr. Comtee introduced an important measure to provide that in case a municipality shall be empowered to grant a light business it must make a bid for the plant of any existing company on a basis of equal arbitration, and that where an existing contract for lighting a municipality expires, the municipality may compel the lighting company to accept the new contract on the terms of the new contract to arbitration.

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The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1899.

Lead Mines in Hastings.

New and Valuable Mineral Deposits.

A special despatch to the Globe dated Ottawa March 4th says:

Mr. John B. King of New York, and a party of American capitalists returned from Hastings County yesterday, having spent a couple of days in Madoc, Tudor and Lake Townships, viewing lead and zinc deposits.

The Hollands mine in Tudor Township, they say, is being extensively developed by its Belgian owners, and 80 tons of lead are being shipped to Belgium this week.

The Wallbridge of Toronto are working their hematite iron deposits on an extensive scale, and are taking out 100 tons of ore a day. This is being sent to the Hamilton smelters, and yielding profit.

The syndicate represented by Mr. King has secured an option on several properties, which will be opened up on a large scale. The Catherine mine, situated on the same stratum as the Hollands, about three miles distant, covers mineral rights on 300 acres. The work done so far has exposed a true fissure vein of remarkable characteristics, and shows at a depth of 20 feet ore matter three feet wide, and widening with the depth. The assays of lead range from 70 to 85 per cent, and of zinc from 20 to 30 per cent.

The Catherine is said to be a promising proposition. Last week a vein of zinc was discovered lying alongside the lead vein and quite as clearly defined. It is separated from the lead by a thin wall of calcite. The zinc samples have assayed as high as 90 per cent.

The calcite will be valuable for fluxing purposes, reducing the cost of smelting.

This is the first discovery of zinc in Hastings County, although its presence in the mineral belt was referred to about twenty-five years ago in a paper read by T. Campbell Wallbridge before the Royal Geological Society of London.

These deposits seem to be destined to increase the wealth of Ontario. Lead is mined at a profit of \$35 and \$40 a ton, and the market price of zinc is \$125 a ton. The Catherine is only two miles from Millbridge, on the Ontario Junction Railway. The county is covered with prospectors, and last week Mr. King met two Europeans representing a lot of old-world capital.

Social Economics in Practice.

The Radical Legislation of New Zealand and Australia.

The several colonies of Australia and the Island of New Zealand, with their extensive territory and scattered population, afford special facilities for experiments in social legislation, which in older and more thickly peopled countries appear to be a waste of time and money to do. In New Zealand, for instance, the adoption of the old age pension system is regarded as largely superseding the necessity for the introduction of other legislation, with its inevitable pauperizing results. In like manner the State of New South Wales has taken upon itself the charge of destitute children, with a view to removing them from the evil influences to which they would otherwise inevitably be exposed.

New Zealand is dubbed "the country of overlegislation" that is, by those within her borders whose interests are not served by her legislative acts, and those outside whose education in political economy will not permit them to believe that some of the peculiar laws of this remote land will stand the test of every-day practical use.

In the compiling of and tampering with the statute book, New Zealand has been much more aggressive than any of the other colonies, and has been right at the forefront of all countries as the pioneer in what is termed by many people "experimental legislation."

In addition to several small islands which are dependencies, New Zealand comprises two large islands, separated by a channel—Cook's Strait—fourteen miles wide at the narrowest point. These are called the North and South Islands, the latter being a little the larger. The total area is 104,471 square miles. New Zealand has four smart towns, namely Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch, all seaports, with a population of about 50,000 each. The distance across the Tasman Sea, between New Zealand and Australia, is 1,200 miles. The population of New Zealand, in round numbers, is 750,000 whites and 40,000 aborigines, or Maoris. Practically there are no unemployed in New Zealand, that is to say, the unemployed difficulty—the grave problem based on the presence in the community of large bodies of able-bodied men unable to obtain work—does not exist. Such seems to be the plain fact in New Zealand; without the least indulgence in hyperbole.

There are two political parties, the Liberals and Conservatives. To the former the latter attribute all the "evils of bad legislation." The Liberals still keep in power, and the people seem to be with them, although the leading newspapers of the colony are Conservative, and "with the rich man," as the Liberals say.

No corporation or individual can own enormous tracts of land or other real estate unless he pays the "penalty of success." The railway and telegraph lines are owned by the Government. The graduated land tax has been in operation for some time, and the friends of the Government claim that it works ad-

mirably. According to the law the laborer who owns a very modest home, or the farmer who owns a small tract of land he is struggling to improve, pays the lowest rate of taxation.

The man who owns a little more property than either of these is taxed a degree higher, and so on, until the man who is very rich, with his thousands of acres, would pay the highest rate in the schedule. The Government does its assessing in its own way, and if anyone is dissatisfied and thinks the valuation is too high on his particular property, the Government stands ready, according to law, to buy the land at the assessed valuation, and pay for the same.

Many large tracts have been bought by the Government in this way and sold out to small farmers on credit, at a very slight advance on the price paid. This has operated to greatly develop New Zealand's large tracts and added very materially to the general wealth of the community.

New Zealand is not alone in these social reforms. New South Wales, as all readers of this paper are well aware, has undertaken the removal of children from the evil influences to which they would otherwise be subjected. This has been effected by the establishment of a State Children's Relief Board, which since its commencement operations in April, 1881, with twenty-four boys and thirty-five girls, has been productive of an incalculable amount of good. During the eighteen years of its existence the Board has dealt with no less than 9,000 children, who have been boarded out from the State institutions of the colony, and others partly supported by public contributions.

By the act passed at the session of the Ontario Legislature a year ago requiring all logs cut on Crown lands to be manufactured within the Province, a source of revenue which yielded \$200,000 annually was cut off. The act, however, was a popular one, supported by both political parties, though it was well known that this loss of revenue would have to be made up in some other way. To make up this amount the Government has introduced bills increasing the duties on liquor by increased license fees on brewers and distillers and other liquor dealers, and also taxing the great corporations. The liquor interest, the brewers, the distillers, the telephone dealers, and the saloon-keepers, whom the people of the province declared by their votes should be swept out of existence, have been forced to contribute to find \$100,000, or one-third of the whole amount of the requirements of the treasury. The remaining \$200,000 distributed over the chartered banks, the insurance companies, both life, fire, accident, and the rest; the trust and loan companies, the railway companies, the street railway companies, the telephone companies, the express companies and the natural gas industry.

W. W. Moore, a science student at Queen's University, Kingston, has fallen heir to \$250,000 by the death of his aunt, Mrs. Bliss, at Kamoopos, B.C.

The Pope is said to be rapidly recovering from his recent illness, caused by the removal of a cyst by a surgical operation performed by a physician.

A number of stonecutters employed at the Crookston quarries have been laid off on account of the dull times. They do not expect that it will be long, however, as the quarries are expected to boom in the quarry business shortly.

Wolves breed John Burke, of Mattawa, who left Mackay's Station for Otter Lake on the Dumoine last week, about 40 miles above Des Joachim's. His friend, Thomas Donnelly, rescued him from his perilous position, killing many of the wolves.

Special contributions towards the relief of St. James Methodist Church, Montreal, were taken up in the Methodist church on Sunday last. The collection was \$2,000, and the church, which is a fine building, was very well patronized. The weather was very warm, and the attendance at the church was not as large as usual.

There died at Omenee, on Friday, Mary Ann Hannah, a woman 112 years of age. She was a native of Ireland, and retained possession of her faculties to the last. She was able to relate events of the rebellion of 1798, which she had witnessed, and the never-married, and was never photographed until last summer, when an excellent picture of her was secured.

During the year 1898 Canada was the only country in the world to receive an increase in immigration. The figures for the previous years, according to figures compiled and published by the Immigration Bureau of Trade, and covering immigration through British ports. The increase was about twenty per cent, whereas in the case of other countries it was a decrease. The new year has also opened auspiciously for the figures supplied by the same authority show that the number of immigrants who entered Canada in 1898, from January, 1898, for Canada, while in the case of other countries there is a marked decrease.

The nineteenth century goes out with the world more than half bent. According to the latest statistics there are 148,000,000 Protestants, 98,000,000 followers of the Greek Church, 230,000,000 Roman Catholics, 70,000,000 Mohammedans. The population of the world is said to be in the neighborhood of 1,500,000,000. Counting the adherents of the four great religions of the world, and allowing 68,000,000 for the thousands and one beliefs with comparatively small followings, there is left a balance of 820,000,000 people who worship strange gods, or practice curious rites in lieu of religion; such people as are common in idolatry, and for whose conversion thousands of dollars are collected each week among the churches of the civilized world.

A Spring Overcoat.

The Onk Hall, Belleville, are selling a genuine English Wool-Cord Overcoat for sale. The garments cost \$25 to order and are not made up as yet. Make your selection now and we will get you the coat from any other store sent to you home in competition. We are not afraid of the result.

THE EGYPTIAN AT HOME.

In Hospitality and Politeness He Surpasses the English Sparrow.

Two new lines of steamers will run between Quebec and Great Britain next season.

Lord Minto lost two cases of paintings on Friday by the wreck of the steamer Labrador.

Mr. James Brough of Peterboro was thrown out of a hotel bus and had his neck broken.

Over four feet of snow fell at Owen Sound and vicinity on Saturday night and Sunday last.

It is stated that one thousand Mormons will remove from Utah and take up farms in the Canadian Northwest.

The official machinery for Mr. Montagu, Conservative, in South Perth, for the Ontario Legislature is announced as 7.

Winnipeg labour men are protesting against the reduction in wages caused by the cheap employment of Doukhobors.

A naval powder magazine exploded on Sunday in a suburb of Toulon. Forty or fifty persons were killed, and immense damage done.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture has received 200 thoroughbred cattle to the Government of the North-West Territories.

The Government steamer Stanley has left Sydney, C.B., to go to the assistance of the Canadian Steamship Co.'s vessel Gaspesia, which has been fast in the ice near the Magdalen Islands for about five weeks.

John McNamara, the Brockville young man who was seriously injured at the Murray farm, will be discharged for life, received \$2,400 damages from the Grand Trunk Railway.

Miss Ethel Ridley, daughter of the late Dr. Charles N. Ridley of Belleville, is on her way, on board a United States warship, where she will be engaged in the army hospital as a nurse.

James Nevins, of Campbellford, was arrested last Saturday on a warrant issued by his brother, charging him with incendiarism. He was taken to Cobourg to await his trial. The prisoner is of unsound mind.

The analysis branch of the Inland Revenue Department has been engaged in the examination of samples of preserved foods on sale in Canada. A bulletin to be issued shortly will convey to the public the findings.

A carload of thoroughbred stock has just been shipped to Montreal from Toronto under the direction of the Dominion Live Stock Association. Ontario stock is in great demand among the farmers and breeders of the West.

The east wall of the recently-burned Oddfellows' Block at Kingston was blown down on Friday by a high wind. Harrison's furniture establishment and Chown's hardware store were damaged, and Mr. Joseph Gould was very seriously injured by the falling wall.

John Harvie died suddenly on Monday, Feb. 27th, in E. Bibby's store in Brighton. He, in company with his wife, were just starting for home after completing their business in town, when he was taken suddenly ill. He was carried into the store, and died in a few minutes.

Deseronto Tribune: A number of registered letters mailed at Deseronto for the week Friday evening, are missing. No trace of them has been found. The postmaster and his assistant have proof that they left this office. The postoffice is a small building, and since Monday looking into the matter.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has installed an ingenious system of alarm bells at Toronto Junction yards by which the locomotives are coaled up, their sand domes replenished, their fire-boxes cleaned and the engines carried away. The whole operation, which formerly took at least half an hour, is performed in less than three minutes.

One of Edison's latest inventions is a photograph and typewriter combined. You talk into the photograph and it sets out the fingers of the typewriter. When you have said all you want, all you have to do is to take out the sheet of paper and sign your name. The new invention will be cheap enough to be within the reach of every business man.

Glen Ross.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. Robert Wagar and son Burton are visiting friends in Nanapan and vicinity.

Miss L. M. Anderson went to Colborne on Saturday last to spend a week or two with her sister, Mrs. Dr. Wade. Master Robert T. Armstrong, who has been very sick for some time, is reported as a little easier.

Miss Ida Winter and Miss Florence Nolan returned home on Tuesday after spending a few days visiting friends in Trenton.

The La Grappe patients, we are glad to hear, are all getting better.

The entertainment in the interest of Carmel Sunday School has been postponed until Tuesday evening, March 14th, on account of the weather.

Mr. N. Fleming and family moved away from Glen Ross on Tuesday.

New Spring Suits.

The Onk Hall, Belleville, are opening up their new \$10 spring suits. They are all the latest styles, and are made of the finest materials. They are also very cheap, and are a real bargain for the money.

It's a white lie when mamma tells papa what baby has been saying, but when papa goes and repeats it at the office it's another matter; it becomes more or less solid by being repeated around—Detroit Journal.

Many well dressed London dandies have contracts with west end florists for the supply of buttonhole bouquets. As a rule they are about 18 inches long, and include two buttonholes daily, one for wearing during the day and the other for the evening.

If all the cats in London were placed in a line, there would be a total length of 44 miles.

THE EGYPTIAN AT HOME.

In Hospitality and Politeness He Surpasses the English Sparrow.

The Egyptian of today may easily be surpassed in honesty, courage and the milder virtues, yet in hospitality and politeness he stands pre-eminent. No Egyptian is almost always a monomaniac, asking all passers-by to partake of it; during his 30 days' fast every year his doors are open to all who introduce themselves; to the poor he gives ungrudgingly.

Though allowed to have four wives, the Egyptian is not a polygamist. Marrying early, he is, as a rule, a good husband and father and fond of and kind to his children.

To show the direction in which the ideas of marriage are setting, we may say that one of the first teachers in Mohammedan law in Egypt some time ago laid down this maxim: that the prophet has allowed four wives to any man who would engage to love all four alike, but he had never met one capable of doing so he would recommend one wife as the interpretation of the prophet's words.

Indians are not so much given to resort to a man's marrying again that it is hardly ever done.

In abstinence from drinking to excess the whole Egyptian nation stands a head and shoulder above us. The hospitality of the sheiks, or village headmen, is boundless. He takes the shape of feasts at which Athleteas might have presided and Cedric been entertained and both found themselves at home.

One man sat down to a banquet of 31 heavy courses, where a huge turkey was the seventeenth course and the first course alone consisted of a whole sheep, inside which was a game of fowls, a chicken, then a pigeon and finally an egg, which last was presented to the principal guest, as containing the essence of all.

The Egyptian is a great lover of his armor is his lack of courage and very feeble idea of what fair play means. An Egyptian effort, or man of the upper classes, told us that he had been engaged in a duel one of his countrymen had with an Italian, in which the Egyptian chose to fight with a sword, and then disabled the right hand of the Italian by a sudden blow before the duel had begun. He actually could see nothing to blame in his countryman, but rather commended his promptness in action.—Pearson's Weekly.

ANTS OF THE PHILIPPINES.

They Can Eat Their Way Into Houses Through Solid Timber.

Professor Dean Worcester, in his book on "The Philippines and Their People," has this to say of the ants of the islands:

A countless horde of tiny red ants invade our premises and refuse to decamp. They tunneled into our bread overnight and built nests there, biting our tongues when we attempted to eat it for breakfast.

They ate into the floorboards of our house, making it necessary for us to skin out the floating corpses after sweetening our coffee. They particularly delighted in fresh meat and fish, and they would not find it in the pie of the arsenic with which they were poisoned. Having obtained a very valuable bird just at night, I suspended it by a string from the center of the ceiling, thinking they surely would not find it there. The next morning it was completely stripped of feathers.

We put the legs of our tables in dishes of kerosene, and this bridge of death, as it were, was not found to be a very safe one. The white ants attack wood, paper, parchment, clothing, cordage—short, anything they can gnaw. They avoid the light, often eating their way into a house through solid timber, so that their presence is not suspected until one breaks through a door board which they have hollowed out or knocks down a bedpost with a mere touch. The creatures work with astonishing rapidity and will come through the floor and the bottom of a trunk, and reduce its contents to powder in a single night.

On our second visit to the archipelago we left a part of our baggage at the United States consulate in Manila. Returning after a short absence we found that the white ants had eaten our chests until they had fallen to pieces of their own weight, had utterly destroyed our clothing, had gnawed the postcard boxes from our cartridges and the sacks from our shoes had ruined our gun, our letter paper and books and even eaten the strings out of the beads intended for trade with the natives.

Making New Shoes Secondhand.

"I knew a man once," said a man who was getting his shoes blacked to his neighbor, "who was not satisfied with a new pair of shoes every week for a year, and they never cost him a cent."

"Why, how was that?" the other man asked.

"He used to wear new shoes for a second-hand shoe dealer."

"So he paid some sort of wear on 'em and make 'em second-hand bargains."

It left 'em literally as good as new, and the dealer could sell them at half price. I bought a pair of shoes that had never been worn half a dozen times in the world, and anybody could see that that was a fact. Blacked up in good shape, they'd look alike as could be and sell as a bargain in a fine second-hand shoe and bring about what such shoes would sell for now."

New York Sun.

She Ought to Know.

A charming instance of logical typography was related by P. Barnett in his lecture at the College of Preceptors. A friend of his was once remonstrating with a man who was not satisfied with a new pair of shoes every week for a year, and they never cost him a cent.

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New York Sun.

A Lost N.

A poor fellow in England greatly astonished a group of women who were conversing with him on the subject of wrens for a Christmas celebration by announcing that he had found "a stray hen—laying in the pulpit." Their excitement was so great that they produced a large green N which had "strayed" from some text or legend.—New York Tribune.

Proper Recrimination.

"No, Miss Peterborough," said the young man, folding his arms and looking sternly at her, "you can't be a sister to me. If I'm not a sister to you, you're not a sister to me."

Saying which, and picking up his hat he went on his way, and with his head held stiffly erect.—Chicago Tribune.

CARPETS.

SPRING 1899.

We are determined to make 1899 the Banner Year in our Carpet and House Furnishing Department. Months of careful preparation has put us in a position to offer you the most complete and valuable in these lines. Low prices combined with expert and courteous service will be at your call.

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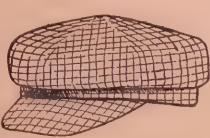
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The undersigned has purchased a New
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is prepared to do good work at reasonable
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FARM TO LET.
I will rent or let on shares my farm, be-
ing 100 acres in the 8th Concession of
Belvidere, containing 100 acres, with 100
acres cleared. Apply to
SAMUEL BAILEY,
Harold.

The United States losses in the recent
war with Spain are now being made
public. The number of deaths of sold-
iers enlisted for the war, and the causes
thereof, are given as follows: Killed in ac-
tion 823; died of wounds 725; died of
disease 5,277. Total 6,825.

The excessive cost of marriage in
Paris seems to have been offset by the
new law establishing free divorce. The
Paris divorce court decides Thursdays
to gratuitous decrees. One day recently
120 couples were divorced during the
session of four hours, an average of
more than one divorce a minute. The
applicants belonged to the working
class, in which divorces were rare be-
fore the passage of the new law.

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We've got the Goods,
We've got the Hats,
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That'll suit you

One strong point in our fav-
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our stock in full you will think
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Call and get your Hat before
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NEXT 10 DAYS.

Big Bargains in UNDERWEAR, MEN'S FELT HATS.
MEN'S READY-MADE CLOTHING less than cost.
MEN'S CAPS at just half price.
WRAPPERETTES and PRINTS away down. Clearing
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ment to every one. If our Goods don't
please you, return them at once, and if
we can't make it satisfactory your money
will be cheerfully refunded. Come in
and inspect our new lines of Jewelry, in
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Village Council.

Minutes of a meeting of the Stirling
Municipal Council, held March 15.
Members present, T. H. McKee, reeve;
W. H. Calder, L. McKilloch and Chas.
E. Parker.

Tenders to plans &c. in connection
with the proposed Waterworks were re-
ceived from the following named Civil
Engineers: W. A. Ashbridge, H. Bow-
man, John Becker, W. Chipman, J. D.
Evans, Henry Crowe, John Gall, A. O.
Linnell and Wm. Newman.

John W. Alcorn presented a peti-
tion for the necessary repairs on ditch
in front of his residence, and which on
motion was received and filed.

The following accounts were ordered
to be paid:
M. Shea, 1 cord wood to P. Smith, \$2.50
Chas. Wannamaker " " 2.00

Mr. Scott applied for an increase of
salary as caretaker of the Cemetery and
on motion the same was fixed at twenty
dollars for the current year.

Moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by
Mr. McKilloch, that the Collector be
instructed to collect all taxes in arrears
on or before the 1st of April next. Carried.

Mr. McKilloch gave notice that at
the next meeting of this Council he
would introduce a by-law to authorize
the Reeve and Treasurer to borrow a
sum of money sufficient to meet the re-
quirements of the Board of Education
and current expenditures.

On motion the Council adjourned to
meet again on Friday next.

JOHN S. BLACK, Clerk.

Anson News.

(From Our Correspondent.)
Mr. A. McMullen, who is in the em-
ploy of the Rathbun Co., is home on a
visit.

Mrs. C. Bell and children, of Foxboro
is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Anson Cummings, on Saturday evening
March 18th. A good programme is
being prepared. Admission 15 and 10c.

Miss Jacques and Miss Mildred Jacques,
from near Collingwood, are visiting
friends in this vicinity.

The Rev. Mr. Duke is carrying on
special services in the North Church.
It is expected that Mr. A. Vermilyea,
of Belleville, will assist him next week,
beginning on Sunday.

A number who have been on the sick
list for the past week are beginning to
improve.

Mr. C. Sills has bought a new team
of horses to take to the Northwest this
spring.

Foxboro Notes.

From Our Own Correspondent.
The singing class, under the leader-
ship of Prof. L. Beal, of Brockville, in-
tending to give a concert on Saturday
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Chatterton Chips.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Spring seems to be here in earnest.
We hope so.

Quite a number of our young men
start for Manitoba this week. Joe Seales
and Albert Langabeer being of the
party. Hired help will be scarce here
this summer.

There has been a lot of gripe and
pneumonia this winter and several
deaths from it.

Walter Boardman, who cut his foot
several weeks ago, is able to walk on it
again.

R. Lithgow has a large Edison's
photograph and a number of good
records with it.

Our genial cheese maker, McKenzie
Spencer, with his young bride, has
moved to the factory and is getting
ready for the spring season.

A number of our young people have
been attending Prof. Beal's singing
class in Foxboro.

Maple syrup making has begun.

R. V. W.

Ontario Agricultural and Ex- perimental Union.

Co-operative Experiments in Ag-
riculture.

Co-operative experiments in Agricul-
ture have been conducted throughout
Ontario in the past thirteen years.
In 1886 the work was carried on by 12
farmers, and 60 plots were used for this
purpose. The number has been steadily
increasing since that date, until in 1898
these co-operative experiments were
conducted by 8,008 farmers, and up-
wards of 12,000 plots were used for the
work. Object lessons in practical ag-
riculture were thus located on fully
3000 Ontario farms in the past year.
Those who make these tests in their
own fields with varieties of farm crops,
methods of cultivation, ways of increas-
ing soil fertility, etc., obtain valuable
information which they cannot possibly
get in any other way. Upwards of 1000
varieties of farm crops have been tested
in the Experimental Department of the
Ontario Agricultural College for at
least five years in succession. Pure
seed of the very best varieties are used
for the co-operative experiments.

LIST OF EXPERIMENTS FOR 1899.

1. Testing nitrate of soda, superphos-
phate, muriate of potash, mixture and
no manure with corn.
2. Testing nitrate of soda, superphos-
phate, muriate of potash, mixture, and
no manure with mangels.
3. Growing grass, peas and two other
varieties of Vetches for green fodder.
4. Growing three mixtures of grain
for green fodder.
5. Testing six varieties of corn for
grain, fodder, or silage.
6. Testing four varieties of millet.
7. Testing four varieties of grasses.
8. Testing four varieties of clovers.
9. Testing three varieties of buck-
wheat.
10. Testing three varieties of spring
wheat and one of spring rye.
11. Testing four varieties of barley.
12. Testing four varieties of oats.
13. Testing four varieties of field peas.
14. Testing three varieties of field
beans.
15. Testing three varieties of Japanese
beans.
16. Testing four varieties of Carrots.
17. Testing three varieties of mangels
and one of sugar beets.
18. Testing two varieties of Swedish
and two of fall turnips.
19. Sowing peas at different dates to
determine the amount of injury done by
the pea weevil.
20. Planting potatoes the same day
and five days after being cut.
21. Planting corn in rows and in
squares.

Interested persons in Ontario who
wish to join in the work may select any
one of the experiments for 1899 and in-
form the Director at once of the choice
made. All material will be furnished
entirely free of charge to each applicant,
but he will be expected to conduct the
test accordingly to the instructions sent
with the seeds, and to report the results
of his test as soon as possible after
harvest.

Material for either No. 1 or No. 2 ex-
periment will be sent by express, and
for each of the others by mail. The
supply of material being limited, those
who apply first will be sure of obtain-
ing the desired outfit. It might be well
for each applicant to make a second
choice for fear the first could not be
granted.

Particular varieties need not be men-
tioned as the kinds to distributed are
those which have done exceptionally well
on the trial plots in the Experimental
Department at the College.

C. A. ZAVITZ, Director,
Ontario Agricultural College,
Guelph, March 18th, 1899.

Eight trains of settlers and their ef-
fects arrived in Winnipeg from eastern
Ontario Sunday night.

The Hamilton Furnace Company have
closed a lease for iron mines on the
line of the Kingston and Pembroke
Railway, and will commence mining
at once. From present indications
the iron ore traffic over this route prom-
ises to be the largest in the history and
cannot help but be productive of good
results to the city of Kingston.

Spain's Greatest Need.

Dr. R. P. Oliver, of Barcelona, Spain,
speaks his wishes at Aiken, S. C. Weak
men had caused severe pains in the back
of his head. On using Electric Bitters,
America's Greatest Blood and Nerve Re-
newer, all pain soon left him. He says this
great medicine is what his country needs.
All America knows that it cures liver and
kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones
up the stomach, strengthens the nerves,
gives vigour and new life into every
muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If
weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every
bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by
all druggists.

Ready-Made Clothing.

Don't imagine that all ready-made cloth-
ing is alike and that one make is just as
good as another. You may read a great
deal of "quack" and "blatant" about
some stores selling only the best, but, when
it comes down to business, the Oak
Hall have no equal in the ready-made
line of trade of Belleville. If there is any-
thing in clothing you want, you will find
it at the Oak Hall.

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CASH STORE

BIG SALE

This week we purchas-
ed the Clothing & Fur-
nishing Stock of William
Holden at a rate on the
dollar. This will enable
us to give you

IMMENSE

bargains in Children's,
Men's and Youths' cloth-
ing. Everything will go
at wholesale prices.

Look for circular and
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T. G. CLUTE.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN SOAPS.

In order to reduce our Stock of
Soaps I will offer as follows:—
6 bars Ivory Bar Soap for.....25c.
6 bars Good Will Soap for.....25c.
7 bars Electric Soap for.....25c.
10 bars Laundry Soap for.....25c.
6 bars Telephone Soap for.....25c.

SYRUPS.

We have a quantity of Diamond
Drip, also, Sugar Syrup in stock.

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Experimental Spraying.

The report of the Superintendent of Experimental Spraying for the Province of Ontario for 1898 has just been received, and contains a good deal of valuable information for the farmer and fruit grower as to the means of procuring sound and saleable fruit. The ravages of insect pests of late years have been the cause of enormous losses to the owners of orchards, and the Ontario Government have called in the aid of science to counteract the evil, and give to the farmers practical examples of how injury from this cause may be prevented.

Mr. Orr's report gives many interesting and convincing details showing the entire efficacy of the system, recording in detail the results of experimental spraying conducted during the past season at thirty different points throughout the Province, which was mapped out into three routes, so as to test the system under every variety of local conditions, and extend a knowledge of its operations as widely as possible. The greatest interest was taken in the case of the localities selected, the attendance at the spraying numbering 3,388 persons, in addition to many subsequent visitors to the sprayed orchards, the number being 700 more than that of the year previous, and over double the attendance of 1896. The plan adopted was to spray when the buds were swelling, then just before the opening of the blossoms, and lastly when the blossoms had fallen—at intervals of about twelve days, until the danger of scab was passed. The result was a very marked improvement in the quality of the fruit, showing that the tent caterpillar and other insect pests had been vanquished by the treatment. A rigid examination of the yield was made, and all scabby, wormy or other defective fruit rejected, and in many cases from 90 to 100 per cent. of clean sound fruit was obtained. The season, owing to the long-continued heat and drought, was unusually favorable to insects, and the ravages of the caterpillar and other vermin proved extremely destructive in all unsprayed orchards, the contrast between the healthy condition of the trees and fruit subjected to treatment and those where the pests had been unmolested being very apparent.

To bring the necessity of the spraying process home to a larger number of farmers than could avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing the experiments, an exhibit of sprayed and unsprayed fruit was made at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, which attracted much attention.

The report, which is a valuable exposition of the advantages of spraying, may be had on application to the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Spraying experiments for the current year are now being arranged for, and the routes laid out. A list of the orchards selected, and dates of operations may be had on applying to Wm. Orr, Superintendent of Experimental Spraying, Fruitland, Ont.

A bulletin giving information as to the more injurious insect pests, and the best methods of suppressing them by spraying, is in course of preparation by the Department of Agriculture, Toronto, and every progressive farmer should apply for a copy.

Market Fees.

About twenty years ago the farmers of Ontario asked for free markets. Many township and county councils sent petitions to the Ontario Legislature.

In 1882 the Legislature passed an act which limited the powers of towns and cities in taxing farm produce.

Grains, seeds, wool, lumber, lath, shingles, cordwood, cheese, dressed hogs, hay, straw and other fodder were exempted from market fee taxes.

Butter, eggs and poultry can only be taxed where a convenient and fit sheltered place for their sale is provided.

In 1890 the Central Farmer's Institute recommended that beef and mutton by the quarter, vegetables, roots and fruits be added to beef, eggs and poultry.

Until now no attention has been paid to this request.

Mr. German, of Welland, has now introduced an amendment which includes all farm produce.

The effect of this will be to exempt from fees those who stand the stalls in the open squares or streets. An equitable rent for shelter provided has not been objected to. Fees for service rendered, as in weighing or measuring, are quite proper. When, however, farmers are forced to pay for expensive city buildings on the plea that they in common with city people at times use a certain portion of them, we think the price is very weak. When they are called upon to pay for buildings for the privilege of receiving the winds that blow around their corners, the joke is rather thin.

When ruralists want municipal improvements, ruralists pay for them. That is the honest way. If the Ontario Legislature is determined to tax truck farmers on the city markets, it should at least require the cities to expend the resultant funds upon those markets in such a way as to benefit those farmers. In doing so they would at the same time equally benefit their own citizens who use the market. Let us remember that townsmen establish, own and control markets in their own interest. They are quite enough to make others pay for them.

When farmers have paid for a market building they do not own a single brick in it.

Occasionally cities and towns have erected expensive public buildings with public halls and public offices, and they are willing to have the farmers pay for them. They, through market fees, have forced farmers to do this in the past.

It is time for a change.

As a rule public streets with their sidewalks, public squares and parks are free to all comers. Why are farmers cornered in market places and made to pay a fee? In private business spaces for customers are provided.

Cannot towns and cities provide free standing room for those who bring food supplies and who in turn purchase their own supplies in town?

Many towns and cities have voluntarily abolished market fees, much to the advantage of all except the market clerks.

If market fees are the proper thing, why all those exemptions? If the man with a few turnips is taxed why do they exempt the man with a fifty dollar load of dressed hogs?

Dressed hogs have too much influence. Shall all farm produce be taxed, or shall all farm produce be made free?

Shall we have discrimination or shall we have freedom? E. Monroey, Niagara Falls South.

A Spring Wedding.

A very happy event took place at the home of Mr. Levi Mason, Spring Brook, on Wednesday evening, 15th inst., when his daughter, Minnie, was united in marriage to Mr. Frederick L. Auger, of Blairton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. McCulloch. The bride was beautifully attired in a cream dress trimmed with lace and ribbon, and wore a veil. Miss Lillian Auger acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Sidney Mason ably supported the groom.

About sixty wedding guests sat down to a sumptuous wedding supper, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Mason possess the happy faculty of making every one feel at home. After supper, short congratulatory addresses were made by D. Heath, W. Brock, J. S. Vankleek, John McConnell, J. S. Auger, father of the groom, L. Mason, father of the bride, S. Mason, the groomsmen, and Rev. R. McCulloch. These were suitably responded to by the groom.

The happy couple took the 3.28 a.m. train at C. O. Junction for Toronto, Niagara Falls and New York. They will return in a couple of weeks to their home in Blairton.—Marmora Herald.

A Trenton Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Ora B. Ostrander, of Trenton, to Mr. Alfred Golding Jones, of Ottawa, took place at the residence of the bride's parents on March 8. The ceremony was performed at 8 p.m. in the presence of a number of friends of the family. The bride looked charming, dressed in pearl grey silk trimmed with white satin and pearl ornaments. Misses Lillian and Leah Turner, of Stirling, acted as bridesmaids, both being nieces of the bride. Mr. J. F. Graydon, of Picton, assisted the groom. After the ceremony an elegant wedding dinner was served. Among the many beautiful gifts presented to the bride was an upright piano from her brother in Toronto, and also a travelling dress of white broadcloth and corse silk linings, with French toque to match. The many friends of the bride and groom wish them a long and prosperous married life.

A Thurlow Wedding.

One of those interesting events which are always old yet ever new took place at the Methodist Parsonage, Shannonville, on Wednesday, March 8th, being the marriage of Miss Jennie, eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph McDougall, of the 2nd Con. of Thurlow, and Mr. Cornelius Sine, a prosperous farmer of Rawdon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jas. Faulk in the presence of a few friends of the contracting parties. The bride was becomingly attired in a travelling suit of navy blue, trimmed with white satin, and was attended by Miss Nina Sine, who was also tastefully attired. The groom was supported by Mr. Walter N. Vivian, of Thurlow. After the ceremony the happy couple departed on the 11 o'clock train for the east on a short honeymoon trip, after which they will take up their residence in Rawdon. The bride will be greatly missed, as she was for a long time secretary-treasurer and assistant organist of Spencer's Sabbath School. A host of friends unite in wishing them a long and happy married life.—Intelligencer.

A local option by-law was carried in Reach township by 103 majority.

Only a Starter.

The Oak Hall, Belleville, offering the choice of over two hundred \$5.00 paints at \$2.50 is only a starter. We propose to do the clothing trade of Belleville this spring, and nothing shall keep us from doing it. The quotation on these paints is simply an illustration of the manner in which we shall proceed to do it. We will name prices that will surprise the natives. Take advantage of the paint sale while it lasts.

STIRLING CASH STORE

BIG SALE

This week we purchased the Clothing & Furnishing Stock of William Holden at a rate on the dollar. This will enable us to give you

IMMENSE

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Look for circular and adv't. quoting prices.

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SEEDS. SEEDS.

Large quantities of
Timothy, Alsike, Lucerne, Garden Seeds,
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PORK.

I can give you good bargains in this line.

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A quantity of Colorado Spring Wheat, suitable for seed, for sale. Apply to
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Lot 8, 4th Con. Rawdon.

The story of the finding of Andre's balloon and three bodies proves to have been a falsehood.

FOR HIS SAKE.

A good word for a charade is the word charade itself. I recently saw it played with great success. As played, it was, of course, shay raid. The players built a "shay" with chairs and

HORSES IN THE WORLD

The American Agriculturist estimates that there are 75,000,000 horses in the world. Of these 38,000,000 are in Europe, 17,000,000 in North America and 9,000,000 in Asia. The mules and asses in the world are said to number 9,000,000.

SUGGESTIONS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

to wipe out greasy dishes, and to clean tea-kettles' with, and to wipe up spots on the floor and from off the stove. As soon as they are used they are burned. When a year's accumulation of rag-bag rags will purchase only a ten-cent basin, we begin to feel that this is one of the old-time economies, where the housewife is justified in "drawing the line."

All dressmakers baste a great

A STRANGE TRUTH.
 All the things provoking,
 That raise a woman's ire,
 The worst one is a man who won't
 Get up and light the fire.

References

Her arms should not look flabby, nor the feathers on her hat. Her shirtwaist is hopeless if not thoroughly severe, and her tie must receive just the right twist.

We have known a girl to spend a solid hour wrestling desperately with stiff collars that simply refused to button, first one and then another. Her arms ached, and her neck was

How Some Great Historical Facts Got

THE RICH MAN'S COMFORT.
I know they call me an old fossil, said Mr. Hasegalt, but I think the expression comes from my being so well surrounded by rocks.
I should think, said Algio, judging from the way those trousers shrink, the wool was shorn from an unusually timid lamb.

The lower house of the Convocation of the Church of England has passed a resolution declaring that the law of

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ONTARIO'S BIRTH-RATE.

LOWER THAN THOSE OF MOST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

The Birth-Rate Also Light Annual Report of the Registrar-General, for 1900, Anglo-Saxons should be More Productive.

Dr. P. H. Bryce's report relating to the registration of births, marriages, and deaths, in the Province of Ontario, has recently been issued. The report is one of the most valuable ever printed on the subject, and the returns are the most complete in the history of the province. The population of the province, on Dec. 31, 1900, is estimated at 2,383,182.

The total births returned in 1900, and the total deaths 27,633, the difference giving an actual increase over 1890 of 19,090. This increase, added to the assumed population of 2,263,492, in 1890, gives a population of 2,383,182, or an increase practically of one per cent. of population during the year.

The following returns relating to both immigration and emigration are given:—

According to the report of the Minister of the Interior for 1897 the total immigrants arriving by ocean steamers in Canada was 27,399. Of these, 19,301 had Canada as their destination, 9,098 of them settling in Manitoba, the North West Territories, and British Columbia, leaving 9,595 for distribution to the other provinces. Making allowance for the emigration to the North-West of 655 settlers, and assuming half of the 9,140 immigrants to have come to Ontario, there was an increase of 4,570.

The returns are almost complete, according to the doctors' estimates, except in the cities, where the registration only represents about one-fifth of the actual birth rate.

PERCENTAGE OF INCREASES.

As compared with 1895, it will be seen from the previous tables that the several increases are:—

Births, 5,993, 12.7 per cent., or a total rate of 20.6 per 1,000; marriages, 1,306, 9.3 per cent., or a total rate of 5.7 per 1,000; deaths, 5,172, 23.0 per cent., or a total rate of 12.2 per 1,000. Total, 12,173, or 15.3.

Most valuable tables are published showing the movement of the population from the older settlements to the newer portions of the province.

The following figures show the population of Ontario in different years:—

1840	47,341
1841	48,537
1842	49,655
1843	50,822
1844	52,044
1845	53,321
1846	54,651
1847	56,031
1848	57,461
1849	58,941
1850	60,471
1851	62,051
1852	63,681
1853	65,361
1854	67,091
1855	68,871
1856	70,701
1857	72,581
1858	74,511
1859	76,491
1860	78,521
1861	80,601
1862	82,731
1863	84,911
1864	87,141
1865	89,421
1866	91,751
1867	94,131
1868	96,561
1869	99,041
1870	101,571
1871	104,151
1872	106,781
1873	109,461
1874	112,191
1875	114,971
1876	117,801
1877	120,681
1878	123,611
1879	126,591
1880	129,621
1881	132,701
1882	135,831
1883	138,911
1884	142,041
1885	145,221
1886	148,451
1887	151,731
1888	155,061
1889	158,441
1890	161,871
1891	165,351
1892	168,881
1893	172,461
1894	176,091
1895	179,771
1896	183,501
1897	187,281
1898	191,111
1899	195,001
1900	198,941

There is a detailed discussion on the subject of birth rate, and the conclusions reached are as follows:—

Assuming that it is proper to draw such inferences as may fairly be drawn from these returns, it is acknowledged with regret that, after making every allowance for defects in the returns of births in Ontario, the conclusion seems inevitable that the birth rate in Ontario is lower than under normal conditions, such as, with the increase of population generally, it should be.

ONTARIO AND THE WORLD.

The following table would seem to illustrate the above. It shows the birth rates and death rates in different countries and states per 1,000 population:—

Countries.	Births.	Deaths.	P.C.
United Kingdom, 1898	29.2	17.1	1.21
Egypt and Wales, 1896	29.7	17.1	1.20
Scotland, 1896	30.6	16.9	1.39
Ireland, 1896	33.8	16.6	1.70
Denmark, 1896	30.5	15.7	1.48
Norway, 1896	30.1	15.2	1.61
Austria, 1896	36.0	23.4	1.16
Hungary, 1896	40.5	23.8	1.07
Germany, 1896	29.0	18.5	1.02
Prussia, 1896	36.3	20.8	1.55
Prussia, 1896	37.0	20.8	1.62
Prussia, 1896	39.0	17.5	1.15
France, 1896	24.2	16.2	1.25
Italy, 1896	35.0	24.2	1.08

Canada, 1897 30.9 | 12.2 | 2.07 || Quebec, 1896 | 38.7 | 20.6 | 1.82 |
United States, 1896	22.3	16.0	1.07
Connecticut, 1897	24.9	17.5	1.04
New Hampshire, 1897	22.4	16.4	1.06
Massachusetts, 1897	21.0	16.0	1.00
Vermont, 1896	27.2	16.5	1.07
Rhode Island, 1896	25.7	19.6	1.01

Remembering the remarkably low death rate, which we have reason to believe is nearly correct, it appears that, compared with the New England States, the increase is satisfactory, and indeed most satisfactory, when it is remembered that all of these have within recent years had a considerable emigration to the factory population of French-Canadians, whose fecundity is illustrated by the statistics of the Province of Quebec. It is apparent, however, that the rate of increase is notably less than in almost all European countries, although the marriage rate is an average one.

The tables demonstrate, however, that Ontario has a smaller death rate than any other district in the world.

ANGLO-SAXONS BEWARE.

The report contains the dissemination of advertisements, and mentions the mails, and adds:—What is still more remarkable is that the State encourages a business, and allows the druggist to carry on a traffic without let or hindrance in every form of mechanical and electrical appliances, having for their end such preventions. Physicians, too, are approached, and it is feared many of them succumb to the persuasions of their clients to undo what nature has asserted is a logical outcome of her laws.

"It is manifest, therefore, that if the Anglo-Saxon race is to fulfill its destiny on the American continent, and play the dominant part over the inferior races in the future progress, the exponents of its assumed superiority will have to preach a gospel of patriotism, which to-day is almost singularly blind. Social degeneracy has always meant social decay, and it is the simple and moral citizens of today who will hold the supremacy to-morrow. The matter is one which ought to be of the highest concern and importance to the teachers and exponents of public morals; although there may be seen in many directions a curious anomaly, whereby those who sanctify marriage and hold its responsibilities sacred, should at the same time fail to comprehend that the duty of protecting human life post-natal is at least as incumbent upon us as when pre-natal."

A MODERN CRUISE.

The Neues Wiener Tagblatt, publishes a sensational report concerning the missing Archduke John, who took the name of John Orth, and was generally believed to have been lost in the wreck of the Santa Margherita off the coast of South America. The wreck of this vessel was recently denied, and now it is asserted that the Archduke never was wrecked, and that he is living on a remote island in the Southern Pacific. There he is carrying out as far as possible the customs and practices of Robinson Crusoe. A Croatian sailor, his former cousin, acts as his man Friday. If this report is true, the Archduke's life will endeavor to reclaim him to European civilization.

COMPLETELY PROSTRATED.

A Quebec Farmer Tells How He Was Restored From Almost Hopeless Suffering to Complete Health.

Mr. Wm. Goodard, a well known farmer, living near Knowlton, Quebec, says:—"A few years ago my health gave way and I was completely prostrated. The least exertion would make me up and make it difficult for me to breathe. I suffered from headache, had no appetite, and fell off in weight until I was reduced to 130 pounds. Finally I grew so bad that I was forced to keep my bed, and remained there for several months. I was under the care of a good doctor, but he did not need to continue taking the pills, and by the time I had taken a couple more boxes there was no doubt that they were helping me, and it needed no further persuasion to induce me to continue them. In the course of a few months I not only regained my health, but increased in weight 115 pounds. These results certainly justify the faith I have in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I strongly urge those who are weak and broken down to give them a fair trial."

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WEBS OF MEMORY.

"Mildred!"

It was the young wife's name which was called, and the husband was sitting in the cozy front parlor of their happy little home, reading by the soft light of the flickering gas burner, and feeling his slippers feet upon the braided brass floor in front of a glowing fire, and broken down to give them a fair trial."

"Mildred!" he called again, as when a lover he breathed her name, the sweetest in all the world to him. But there was no answer.

"Ah!" he murmured, "the dear girl does not hear her husband's voice," and he lay back in his chair and watched the blue flames dance in and out among the sparkling coals. At such a time memory weaves cunning webs of soft, colored and tender thought, and he thought of the young wife, and forward in the room of the past.

Three years ago he had been a mother's petted darling, with no wish ungratified, no comfort neglected, no luxury refused. Yet he felt with in his heart a tender longing, an empty void, which he so far in his happy life had remained satisfied. Mildred lay beside him, and he knew that the wife was greater than the mother.

A year passed and Mildred was his wife. Gentle, loving, beautiful, he took her to their new home, and for two years she had filled his mother's place, and made his home a beautiful ideal, a four-walled paradise upon earth, yet far above it. He was serene and happy, and his life was a continuous joy. Mildred had given him her thought, her energy, her time, her endeavor, and he was at rest. He awoke from his reverie with a start.

"Mildred!" he called.

No answer.

He leaped up, alarmed. Was it, then, all a dream? And was he to be rudely awakened?

Alas, for the mutability of human affairs.

"Mildred!" he called for the fourth time.

"Yes, Henry," came the sweet voiced answer from a sofa in the corner.

"Oh!" he said, in a tone of relief, "Are you here? I was wondering."

"Yes, hubby mine."

"Well, love, the fire is going out; won't you go and get some more coal?"

"Not much, pet! I've been doing the loving-wife slave business long enough, and if you were my own real you'll have to get it yourself!"

Mildred's memory had been weaving a few webs of thought while the fire was slowly getting out.

"Great Haste Is Not Always Good Speed."

Many people trust to luck to pull them through, and are often disappointed. Do not dilly-dally in matters of health. With it you can accomplish miracles. Without it you are "no good."

Keep the liver, kidneys, bowels and blood healthy by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, the faultless blood purifier.

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Valentines make us see ourselves as others see us.

THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER IN MANURING.

Much interest attaches to the subject "Manure and Manuring," discussed by Mr. T. C. Wallace at Farmers' Institute meetings the past winter. He brought out the fact that generally considered, a very unique one was the importance of the gravity water to manuring—this is the free water so common to our soil during the fall, winter and very early spring. The soil is almost afloat in it, and so the fertilizers are so loosened that they are carried by the water and the atoms of soil and applied manures move about and combining, and the foundation of plant food is prepared. The dung of the manure being distributed, then by machine work, this he calls using one of nature's aids in our work and both saving labor and getting the most perfect done. This is the reason that in his business Mr. Wallace so strenuously urges the use of the "Phosphoric Powder" in the fall, winter and early spring months. He explained with much clearness the action of capillary and the hydroscopic water in the soil.

HAVING IT UNDERSTOOD.

Mistress—And remember, Mary, I never allow my girls to entertain their beaux in the kitchen.

Servant—Very well, ma'am. What nights does your daughter use the parlor?

FROM FAR KENLIS.

Comes a Story of Kidney Banished by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Mr. Thomas L. Hubbs cured of Kidney Disease, after Various Medicines Had Been Tried and Had Failed Dodd's Kidney Pills Made Him Well.

Kenlis, P. O., N.W.T.—Even to this remote point in our great Dominion, the fame of Dodd's Kidney Pills has penetrated, pain and suffering have been driven out, and health and happiness have been given in their stead, by this grand medicine.

Mr. Thomas L. Hubbs, owner and occupant of Section 28, Township 19, Range 10, met a severe accident about a year ago. He was thrown out of his wagon, and among the injuries he sustained was a very severe strain of the kidneys.

Soon after his mishap, his kidneys began to make manifest the fact that they were unable to do their work properly. A severe, stabbing pain darted across the small of his back, and a dull, terrible ache in his loins, kept him in constant agony.

Various remedies were used, but none gave any relief. The pain seemed to grow worse, and, bearing of the wonderful efficacy of Dodd's Kidney Pills, he decided to try what they would do for him.

He bought a box, and began taking the pills, going strictly according to the directions. Judge, of his delight, when, in a few days, he began to feel better. Day by day, the improvement grew more marked, until when he had taken all the pills he was "Sound as a bell," and in a trace of his old troubles remained.

Mr. Hubbs in writing of his case, says: "I live in the municipality of Indian Head, and all who know me can vouch for the truth of this statement."

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To detect hidden cracks opening from the surface of metals, the surface is first moistened with kerosene and is then dried off with a cloth. It is then coated with chalk. After a little while the oil works out of the little cracks and stains the chalk. A sort of diagram of the hidden fissures and defects is thus produced.

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Many people suffer with catarrh until it becomes chronic, because they do not know how easily it may be cured. Ten days' free trial treatment ought to be convincing. Send fifteen cents to cover cost of mailing outfit. Dr. Ray's Successful Remedy Co., Toronto.

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Take Laxative Bismuth Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

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For terms apply on or before the 10th of April to the Executors,
FRANCIS McEVROY, Campbellford,
JAS. HAGERTY, West Huntingdon.

Tenders Wanted.

Tenders will be received up to Monday, March 27th, for the following work in connection with the Methodist Church, Stirling:

1. For painting or papering the ceiling and inside walls of the church.
 2. For painting the outside woodwork and woodwork in lobby, and varnishing the seats.
 3. For raising the seats in the rear part of church, laying new floor under same.
- Further particulars may be had from the undersigned, to whom all tenders should be addressed.
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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains called at Stirling station as follows: GOING WEST. GOING EAST. Mail. 5.15 a.m. Mail. 1.17 p.m. Mixed. 6.42 p.m. Mixed. 10.20 a.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1899.

LOCAL MATTERS.

A heavy thunder storm passed over this section last night.

Spring has had a bad attack of grip, which will delay its coming.

Dr. Zwick has purchased the building lately occupied by Mr. Wm. Holden.

Miss Jessie Downing, of Toronto, has been engaged as teacher in the primary department of the Public School. She will commence her duties after the Easter holidays.

A man taking a load of cream to the Wellman's Corners Butter Factory on Monday last met with rather an unfortunate accident. When near the turn to go west on the Campbellford road, at the west end of the village, his sleigh upset, spilling all the cream except the contents of one can.

"The Old Favorites" is the title of a handsome volume of 150 pages issued by the publishers of "The Family Herald and Weekly Star" of Montreal, and which has been received with such great favor that a second edition was issued. It is an excellent collection of the favorite melodies and poetry of the past, and will be welcomed in every home. Our thanks are due to the publishers for a copy.

Women's Missionary Society.

The ladies of the Stirling Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of the Methodist Church will hold a public meeting in the Church on Good Friday evening. Suitable readings, singing, and addresses will be given by the members of the Society; also, an address by Mrs. (Rev.) F. M. Campbell, of Campbellford, on the work of the Society. A collection will be taken up for the Society's funds.

A Late winter.

During all the real winter months this part of Canada was without its usual covering of snow, except for a few days, though there was a spell of very cold weather. Now, when we are looking for spring days, winter puts in an appearance. All last week the weather was cold, and on Friday night a snow storm set in which lasted till Sunday noon, and gave the greatest snowfall of the season. On Monday a high wind from the north and west drifted the roads considerably, though the sleighing was fairly good for a few days.

In the Division Court on Monday

An interesting case came up on a question of ecclesiastical procedure. The Rev. F. Newham, formerly Rector of St. John's, entered action against the wardens for recovery of arrears of stipend to the amount of \$50 or \$60, owing him on his last four months residence as incumbent. The plaintiff pleaded "in statu pauperis" and gave his own statement of the facts in a clear, straightforward way under the writer guidance of a firm of solicitors in Toronto. The defence ignored a "contract." Rebuttal evidence proved that the "contract" was accepted and understood by the defence, as his stipend at the rate agreed upon was paid till towards the end. The "argument" at the close, quoted from the "amendment" to the "Church Temporalities Act," pointing out that wardens were held "as a corporation" with legal liabilities, and that as the promised amounts on the part of some subscribers had not been secured, there was still money in hand from which the plaintiff had legal right to receive payment for work done by him, and that this was sufficient cause to ask for judgment for plaintiff. The Judge reserved judgment.

The Presbyterian congregation of

Marmora has decided to build a new church.

Mayor Pruyn, of Napanee, has been unseated on the ground of insufficient property qualification.

Mrs. T. L. Nickle, of Madoc, has secured the prize given by the Montreal Star for the best written story on "Who should carry the purse, the man or the woman."

The Intelligence says a newly married couple, the groom 71 and the bride 22, from the vicinity of Madoc arrived at Belleville by train one evening lately, on their way to Michigan to spend their honeymoon with friends there.

Clute-Vandewater.

A quiet wedding of considerable local interest took place on Wednesday afternoon, March 15th, at 2 o'clock, in the second congregation of Stirling, at the residence of the late David Vandewater, when his widow was united in marriage to Mr. Thos. G. Clute, merchant of this village. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. J. Gilliland, pastor of Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, of Belleville. Only the near relatives of the contracting parties were present.

After the ceremony the happy couple took the train for Stirling, where a reception was held at the residence of the groom in the evening. Mr. Clute is well known as one of our leading business men, and the many friends of the newly-married couple wish them every happiness in their wedded life.

"Empire Day."

The public schools of Ontario will on May 25 next celebrate "Empire Day" for the first time. "Empire Day" is the name which has been given to the school day immediately preceding the 24th of May, and which will be annually devoted by the school children to exercises calculated to stimulate their interest in and their love of the great empire of which this country forms a part. The selection of Empire Day is the result of a suggestion made by Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Minister of Education, in a paper read before the Dominion Educational Association last year. The educationists cordially approved of the idea and recommended its adoption.

The Best Seeds Absolutely Necessary

We cannot too strongly nor too often urge the supreme importance of planting seeds that are perfectly pure and fresh. Seeds that are offered at cheap prices are almost invariably of doubtful origin and uncertain age, sure to cause the planter much disappointment and loss. The thoughtful planter's only surety lies in buying seeds sent out by a conscientious and trustworthy house. A vast number of gardeners have (and have had for years) the utmost confidence in seeds that bear the name D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont. The present generation of planters can hardly remember the time when Ferry's Seeds were not on sale everywhere each year and as regularly planted by thousands,—with the greatest faith in the unvarying quality of the seeds and in the integrity of the firm that grew them. Every planter, whether already a buyer of Ferry's Seeds or not, should send for Ferry's Seed Annual for 1899. It is mailed free to any one who writes for it.

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It is very seldom that students at college can obtain training and pay other expenses by manual labor, yet needy students will find themselves greatly helped in their efforts to procure a theological education at the Goshen Park Bible School. They should write to H. L. Hastings, Box 250, Boston, Mass., marking their envelopes Personal.

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Behind every advertised statement of the Oak Hall, Belleville, stands absolute truth. The crowds of people who buy from us speak for our methods better than we could. We always have what you want, ulsters, overcoats and winter suits, or spring overcoats and spring suits. Because it is summer Saturday and winter on Monday, that need not puzzle you. The Hall is always prepared for warm weather or cold, wet weather or dry.

Auction Sale.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23.—At the Kerby House, Stirling, at 2 o'clock, p.m., three Park lots, of about five acres each, adjoining village of Stirling, Joseph Donk, proprietor. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st.—The Household effects of Mrs. U. Wright. Sale at twelve o'clock, noon.

Births.

MCCANN.—In Stirling, on March 15, the wife of JAMES MCCANN, of a son.

ANDREWS.—At Madoc Junction, on March 17, the wife of A. W. ANDREWS, of a son.

Married.

JONES-ONSTRAND.—At the residence of the bride's father, Toronto, on Wednesday, March 8th, by the Rev. G. Horton, Miss ORA B. JONES, of Toronto, to ALFRED GOSBORN JONES, of Ottawa.

RADCLIFFE-SCHIMMEL.—On the 22nd inst., at Belleville, at the residence of Mr. S. L. Hinz, by the Rev. Wm. Johnston, Mr. ADAM RADCLIFFE and Miss ANNIE SCHIMMEL, both of Belleville.

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Yours truly,

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Stirling, March 20, 1899.

PERSONALS.

THE NEWS-ARGUS invites the contribution to this column of all items of a personal nature, such as the arrival or departure of guests, etc. Please notify the editor, or leave a note at this office or drop a card into the post office, giving full particulars.

Mr. J. S. Carstairs, B.A., of Stirling, conducted service at St. Paul's Sunday morning, and at St. Mark's in the afternoon, as usual.—Marmora Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McCullen and Mr. and Mrs. O. Vandervoort spent Thursday evening at W. R. Warren's.

Rev. F. Newham, Grace Church, Toronto, was in town the beginning of the week as the guest of Mr. J. W. Bycott.

Miss Minnie Jones, of Chatterton, is visiting friends in Stirling at present.

Miss Eva Chatterton, of Belleville, is visiting with Miss Luella White for a couple of weeks.

Rev. W. D. Wilson and Mr. G. O. Thresher were in Belleville yesterday.

Mr. John Conley was visiting in Belleville the early part of the week.

Miss Annie McCann has recently returned from an extended visit with friends in Foxboro.

Mr. Arthur Hutton left yesterday for the west, to resume his work on the C. P. R., after several weeks' visit at his home here.

Mrs. Jas. Collins and daughter, of Oranby, are visiting her parents in Waterford.

Mr. Clark Wright, of Watford, is visiting his mother and friends here.

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News Summary.

Recent Happenings Briefly Told.

CANADA.

Nov. Scotia's estimates are \$874,838.

Kingston fire department will have an annual city.

The Plains of Abraham have been surveyed into building lots.

The wrecked steamer *Castillon* is reported to have broken in two.

The City Engineer of Hamilton says that all the main thoroughfares in that city need repairs.

The stove manufacturers of Hamilton will increase the pay of their moulders 10 per cent. on May 1.

The Sawyer-Massey Company of Hamilton have increased their employees' wages ten per cent.

Complaints are being made of the urgent need of an inspector of weights and measures at Alton and Dawson.

The McClary Manufacturing Company of London have advanced the wages of their stove hands 10 per cent.

Representatives of the Bank of British North America and the Bank of Commerce are en route to Alton to open branches there.

It is rumored that the controlling interest of the Hamilton Street Railway Co. had been secured by a New York company.

Stoves are being taken at London, Ont., to quash the city-by-law recently passed authorizing an increase in the number of liquor licenses.

James Macdonald, a young farmer, who shot Richard Boulton three weeks ago with murderous intent, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

J. R. Booth, O.T.C. (underman), says that, with the exception of a slight advance in boxwood, lumber prices will be unchanged this winter.

Mr. P. W. St. George, City Surveyor of Montreal, has resigned in consequence of too much interference by a chairman in the work of his department.

Major-General Hutton is investigating a charge preferred by Lieut.-Col. Roy, D.O.C., Montreal, against Lieut. Col. H. H. Hutton, threatening to thrash his superior officer.

Gusevsk and Czuby, two Galicians found guilty of the murder of a Canadian, and four British at Sturthwaite last fall, were sentenced at Winnipeg to hang on May 26.

J. A. Metcalf of Chicago, who has been much exposed in the building of elevators, has been in Quebec in connection with the erection of a million-bushel elevator there.

M. H. Hoover has been sentenced to one month's imprisonment and a fine of \$100 at Dawson for attempting to bribe H. H. Martin, the inquiry clerk at the Gold Commission office.

The fees at Queen's University for examinations in science and arts have been raised from \$3 to \$6, and in examinations from \$4 to \$6. This is done with a view of raising more funds.

The Woodstock, N. B., Town Council has abolished the tax of \$3 to \$5 on commercial travellers who pass that place, it being the only town in Canada where the tax was made. The tax affected Toronto and Montreal houses.

Dates to Dawson have been cut in two by the formation of a transportation combination, including various steamer running companies, the Skagway, the White Pass & Yukon Railroad, and the steamers on Lake Huron and the Upper Yukon.

The Court of Appeal of Quebec has confirmed the judgment of the Superior Court awarding \$1,999 damages to the parents of the late Miss Alphonse Gaudreau against Sir W. C. McDonald of Montreal, in whose factory the girl was killed at the time of the fire in 1895.

Census-makers of Russell county are forming an association with the object that all cheese purchased from manufacturers by produce merchants shall be graded before being taken from the hands of makers. They also intend advocating the appointment of an official grader, to weight "cheese" in it is delivered.

GREAT BRITAIN.

W. B. Mills, the artist, and brother of the late Sir John Everett Millais, president of the Royal Academy, is dead.

Rev. James A. Spurgeon, brother of the late Rev. Charles Hadden Spurgeon, was found dead in a railway carriage at London.

Enquiry is being made into the sufficiency of exits in the large hotels and mansions in London, suggested by the Windsor horror.

English temperance societies are denouncing Sir Thomas Lipton for having applied for licenses to sell liquor at his tea stores.

At the banquet of the British Red Cross Association, Prof. Ashley declared the trusts were mainly the outcome of an attempt to get rid of the disastrous effects of out-throat competition.

Lloyd's has decided to bestow the silver medal upon the captain and chief engineer of the *Cunard* line steamship *Albatross* for having saved the ship safely into port after she had been disabled at sea.

Exceptionally cold weather continues to descend England and Scotland, with 20 degrees of frost. There have been heavy falls of snow in the north, and several deaths from exposure are reported. Similar weather prevails on the continent.

Lord Salisbury and M. Paul Cambon have signed a convention defining the Anglo-French boundaries in Central Africa. Britain retains the Bahari-Ghazal and Darfur, while France gets the territories north and west of Lake Chad.

It is proposed to start a movement for a national testimonial to Blucher, who is raising the English flag in honor of his victory over Napoleon in the recent international chess tournament, and in recognition of his services to the British Empire.

Considerable discussion is reported between the Chamberlain of the Ex-

chequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, in favor of opposing and the latter favoring the African chambers of Mr. Cecil Rhodes.

In reply to a suggestion by Sir Charles Howard Vincent that an inquiry be held into the conditions of British trade, Mr. T. Ritchie, President of the British Board of Trade, said that there was no reason to regard the condition of trade as other than satisfactory.

A millionaire, named Alfred Stern, son of the late Baron Stern, has been declared insane. He is said to be worth \$15,000,000 and is resident at Marlborough house, the town residence of the Prince of Wales, attempting to force his entrance there under the hallucination that he is the Prince.

Maudie Richardson, the alleged wife of John, known as "Harry, the Valet," who was concerned in the robbery of the Dowager Duchess of Sutherland's jewels in Paris last October, is personally serving the Duchess with a writ to recover the reward offered for the recovery of the stolen jewelry, she having betrayed Johnson to the police.

Special significance attaches to the appointment of Commodore Ross as commandant of the British squadron in Newfoundland waters during the coming fishing season. His selection is regarded as indicating a determination on the part of Great Britain to enforce a settlement of disputed questions in this quarter by strengthening the squadron.

UNITED STATES.

The Cuban army numbers 13,219 men.

Two men were killed in a fight with Mexicans in the Texas desert, the result of a discussion over smallpox.

California newspapers must now attach the name of the writer to all local news referring to individuals.

United States capitalists will spend \$200,000,000 in the Niagara Falls this summer in connection with the Pan-American project.

Boydell Beale, died of hiccoughing at Montreal, Quebec, after he began to hiccough intermittently, and for eight days he hiccoughed incessantly.

Two 2,000 pounds of smokeless powder exploded at the Dupont Powder Works at Carney Point, N.J., instantly killing three workmen and injuring a number of others slightly.

It is said that the passenger department of the New York Central will run an independent line to oppose the Richfield & Ontario Company for the Hudson River tourist traffic.

At San Francisco, Miss Melba had a narrow escape from serious injury. She was hit on the head by a heavy bronze statue, which fell from a pedestal, and was unconscious for 15 minutes.

The Central Vermont Railroad was sold on Thursday under foreclosure proceedings to the Boston and Maine Railroad, which was purchased by Ezra H. Baker of Boston, Chairman of the Bondholders' Committee, for \$7,000,000.

John T. Shayne, the millionaire Chicago car dealer, died last night at the home of H. H. Hammond, a merchant tailor, while the two were dining at a hotel. Shayne was 55 years of age and was under arrest on domestic troubles.

New York's Board of Aldermen tabled a resolution calling on the Commissioner of Public Buildings to host the national city and state flags on all city buildings on May 25, in honor of Queen Victoria's birthday.

John T. Graham, of Denver, who once executed a silver mine in Colorado, and New Mexico, has made the statement that the first step made by the new trust would be the advance of the price of silver ten per cent.

A despatch from Omaha reports the burning of a building in which a lodge of Lady Macabees was meeting. They were completely destroyed, and the lodge, and two were killed and several badly injured. One fireman was probably fatally injured.

John Moore, of Hamilton, Kan., whose house was burned and his five children found dead in it, has been arrested charged with murdering the children. The bodies were not badly burned, but each skull was fractured, and all but one had been stabbed in the neck. Moore tells a very lame story.

Mrs. Augusta Schmidt, who is serving a ten years' sentence for murder in the Indiana women's prison, has been paroled by Governor Mount, but declines to accept her freedom until the Judge and jury which tried her acknowledge that she was innocent and that they were in error when they passed judgment upon her.

In an interview Rear Admiral Sampson, who is raising the English flag to Egypt and the Sudan.

Emperor William wants his naval officers and men to either be clean shaven or to wear a beard.

It is reported that 35 lives have been lost by the burning of a water-pipe near Oaxaca, Mexico.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Notes of Proceedings in the Local Parliament.

RAILWAYS WANT AID.

The representatives of three railway companies ask aid for their several enterprises. The first request was for a grant of \$100,000 towards a bridge across the Ottawa river at Parry Sound and Canada and Atlantic railways with the Great Northern, and thus give a trunk line from Parry Sound to the Province of Quebec, to facilitate the direct export of grain, and to aid the development of that part of Ontario affected by the line in question. The bridge will cost half a million dollars, and the Dominion had granted \$32,500 towards it, besides subsidizing the roads. County Crown Attorney Curry acted as spokesman, and was accompanied by J. M. Savage, of the Great Northern railway, and Mr. Harris, of the Canada Atlantic, besides the Speaker and a number of the members of the House.

WORTHINGTON AND ONAPING.

The Worthington and Onaping railway, a continuation of the North shore and Manitoulin railway across the Nickel range and into the Vermilion district, was represented by H. W. Evans, an English capitalist, from the South shore, and the Hon. member for Ottawa, who, in his intervention, on account of their interference with ordinary business concerns, said that the Government should pay a tax of \$1000 in cities above 50,000 population; \$500 in cities with less than 50,000; \$250 in places where the population is 4000 or over.

CHANGE IN RE-ELECTION PETITIONS.

The premier introduced a bill relating to controverted elections, in which he proposed to alter what he calls "straw men" in connection with election petitions. It provides that in all petitions, save where the defeated candidate is himself the petitioner, the proceedings must be taken by four men as formerly.

BILLS BECOME LAW.

The following bills were read a third time.

Bill to improve the law respecting Public Schools.—Mr. Ross.

Bill to incorporate the village of Sturgeon Point.—Mr. Fox.

Bill to incorporate the Western hospital of Toronto.—Mr. Crawford.

Bill to incorporate the Bruce Mines and Algoma Railway Company.—Mr. Farwell.

Bill to consolidate the financial debt of the town of Brampton.—Mr. Gault.

Bill to confirm by-law No. 162 of the village of Oshawa.—Mr. Wardell.

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a limited liability. He did not deny that proportional representation might work well in connection with friendly societies, church organizations, and perhaps election of school trustees. In all these cases he had no doubt the method advocated by the hon. member might be used with great advantage; probably also in township and city councils.

He was afraid, however, that it would not work effectively in Dominion or Provincial elections, for not many of the electors would have ability to understand it. To ask the legislature to adopt such a principle was more than he could agree to.

It was such an interesting academic question, but would not be understood by people at large. The order was then discharged and the bill withdrawn.

AIMED AT THE GYPSIES.

Mr. Richardson's bill to prevent camping on highways or unenclosed land and to empower county councils to make arrests without a warrant against the gypsies, would have been introduced.

TO DECLARE QUALIFICATION.

Mr. Leys secured the second reading of his bill requiring, in case of municipal elections, the declaration of the property qualification of the candidate to be made before 5 o'clock on nomination day.

MR. LUMSDEN'S BILL, regulating trading stamp companies, and imposing a yearly tax in proportion to population, was read a second time.

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MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c., in the Leading Markets.

Toronto, March 28.—We had a fair market here this morning, for a day on which there is supposed to be no market. All old cheese, forty loads of stuff came here, including some twelve hundred hogs, 350 yearlings and sheep, and a few calves and milkers.

Practically there was no change in anything, and while trade appeared a trifle slow, almost everything here sold, only two or three loads being held for to-morrow's market. Kill, for anything but the best grades of shippers and butcher cattle the tendency was for faster quotations.

Suppers of the best quality are worth from 3-4 to 3-5, and for extra choice selections a little more will be paid. Light shippers are worth from 4-8 to 4-10 per pound.

Butcher cattle sells at from 3-4 to 4-10 for loads of choice stuff, with 4-10 for choice selections; good medium butchers sell at around 3-10, and inferior down to 2-10 per head, and for very poor stuff a little less.

One load of butcher cattle, average 1,000 lbs., sold at 4-10 per pound.

A load of shippers, average 1,500 lbs., sold at \$1.85 per head.

Twenty-four cattle, average 1,025 lbs., sold at \$4.40 per head.

Twenty-four shippers, average 1,100 lbs., sold at \$4.40 per head.

Twenty-four butcher cattle, average 1,125 lbs., sold at \$4.40 per head.

Good yearlings are wanted, and were a little stronger to-day at from 4-10 to 5-0 for choice.

Sheep are unchanged at 3-10 to 3-15 per head.

Bucks are worth from 3-4 to 3-5 per head.

Hogs are quoted unchanged at from 4-10 to 4-15 per head, "C" hogs, but it must be clearly understood that 4-10 is quite the top figure and is only likely to be paid for the best selections, and for the remainder it may save disappointment on arriving here. Other quotations are: 1-2 to 1-5 for light hogs; 3-10 to 3-15 for fat heavy stuff; 3-10 to 3-15, and 2-10 for choice.

Store hogs are not wanted.

Following is the range of current quotations:

Cattle.

Shipping, per cwt. . . . \$4.35

Butcher, 3-4 to 4-10

Butcher, mixed, to good, 3-4

Butcher, inferior. . . . 2-8 to 3-12

Sheep and Lambs.

Ewes, per cwt. . . . 3.00

Yearlings, per cwt. . . . 4.50

Bucks, per cwt. . . . 2.75

Milkers and Calves.

Cows, each. . . . 25.00

Calves, each. . . . 2.00

Hogs.

Choice hogs, per cwt. . . . 4.25

Light hogs, per cwt. . . . 4.00

Heavy hogs, per cwt. . . . 3.80

Buffalo, March 28.—Spring wheat at 1-10; No. 1, 1-10; No. 2, 1-10; No. 3, 1-10; No. 4, 1-10; No. 5, 1-10; No. 6, 1-10; No. 7, 1-10; No. 8, 1-10; No. 9, 1-10; No. 10, 1-10; No. 11, 1-10; No. 12, 1-10; No. 13, 1-10; No. 14, 1-10; No. 15, 1-10; No. 16, 1-10; No. 17, 1-10; No. 18, 1-10; No. 19, 1-10; No. 20, 1-10; No. 21, 1-10; No. 22, 1-10; No. 23, 1-10; No. 24, 1-10; No. 25, 1-10; No. 26, 1-10; No. 27, 1-10; No. 28, 1-10; No. 29, 1-10; No. 30, 1-10; No. 31, 1-10; No. 32, 1-10; No. 33, 1-10; No. 34, 1-10; No. 35, 1-10; No. 36, 1-10; No. 37, 1-10; No. 38, 1-10; No. 39, 1-10; No. 40, 1-10; No. 41, 1-10; No. 42, 1-10; No. 43, 1-10; No. 44, 1-10; No. 45, 1-10; No. 46, 1-10; No. 47, 1-10; No. 48, 1-10; No. 49, 1-10; No. 50, 1-10; No. 51, 1-10; No. 52, 1-10; No. 53, 1-10; No. 54, 1-10; No. 55, 1-10; No. 56, 1-10; No. 57, 1-10; No. 58, 1-10; No. 59, 1-10; No.

